



Satavahana’s Fall

Is Alapati Raja the Mastermind of ₹200 Crore Land Scheme?

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Vijayawada: The midnight demolition of Satavahana College, a 55-year-old institution in Vijayawada that had served thousands of underprivileged students, has triggered widespread outrage and accusations of a land-grab scheme. The destruction of the college, situated on prime land valued at ₹150–200 crore, has left students and faculty in distress, with their academic records destroyed and their futures uncertain. Opposition leaders from CPI and YSRCP have pointed fingers at MLC Alapati Raja, alleging his involvement in the controversial demolition.

The college, managed by the Sri Durga Malleswara Educational Society, was razed in early June despite an ongoing Supreme Court case over the disputed 5.16-acre property. The incident, carried out without prior notification to authorities, has fueled speculation of a calculated move to seize the valuable land. The dispute's origins date back 30 years, when a sale agreement was struck between the landowners and the college management. The management paid an advance but failed to register the land for reasons that remain a mystery due to a lack of evidence. This unresolved issue led both parties to court, igniting a legal battle that continues to this day.

Adding fuel to the controversy, allegations have surfaced that Alapati Raja has been eyeing this prime property



for the past decade, with claims that he has been maneuvering to gain control of the land through various means. These accusations have intensified scrutiny on his role in the recent demolition, with critics suggesting it was the culmination of a long-standing plan. CPI leader Rama Krishna squarely blamed Alapati Raja for orchestrating the demolition. “This is a clear case of greed-driven destruction led by Alapati Raja,” Krishna declared. “He is behind this act to grab prime land, betraying students and the legacy of Satavahana College. The government

must investigate his role immediately.” YSRCP leader Malladi Vishnu echoed similar sentiments, accusing Alapati Raja is the mastermind behind this demolition,” Vishnu stated. “This is an attack on education and a shameless land grab under the guise of political power. We demand accountability and justice for the students affected by this travesty.” The demolition has raised serious questions about the circumstances surrounding the act.

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Chandrababu Launches ‘Thaliki Vandnam’ Scheme

- Rs 8,745 crore to be deposited into mothers’ accounts
- Scheme to benefit 67.27 lakh students across Andhra Pradesh
- Funds to be credited as part of Super Six promise
- Launch marks one year of coalition government in power

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Marking the first anniversary of the coalition government, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has given the green signal to implement another major promise from the Super Six manifesto — the Thaliki Vandnam scheme. The state government will release Rs. 8,745 crore on Thursday,

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Alliance Celebrations Begin in AP

- Public meeting in Amaravati to mark one year of alliance rule
- State-wide event titled Suparipalana – Swarnaadhra
- CM Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan to address Amaravati gathering
- Victory rallies in all 175 constituencies today



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

To commemorate one year of the alliance government in Andhra Pradesh, the state is gearing up for large-scale celebrations under the banner Good Governance – Golden Andhra Pradesh. Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand issued official instructions on Tuesday to organize the events at both state and constituency levels, involving MPs, MLAs, and All India Service officers. A key highlight of the celebration will be a grand public meeting in Amaravati, scheduled for 5 PM on Thursday, behind the Secretariat complex. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan will jointly address the gathering.

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Women Protest Against Jagan in Podili, Attacked by YCP Activists

- YSRCP activists threw stones and sandals at protesting women
- Three police constables also injured in the clash
- Women demanded Jagan’s apology for derogatory remarks aired on Sakshi

TPN Correspondent | Prakasam

Tensions erupted in Podili town of Prakasam district during former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy’s visit, as a group of women staging a peaceful protest were reportedly attacked by YSRCP activists. The women were protesting near PSR Colony on Ratham Road, raising slogans and displaying placards demanding an apology from Jagan for his silence over derogatory remarks made against Amaravati women on Sakshi TV, a channel affiliated with the YSRCP.

As Jagan arrived to visit the tobacco auction centre in Podili, the women demonstrators released black balloons and held signs saying “Shame Shame Jagan” and “Bharathi Reddy should break her silence.” They expressed anger that no condemnation had come from Jagan or his family

over the offensive comments. Eyewitnesses reported that soon after the protest began, YSRCP supporters arrived and started pelting stones and sandals at the women. In the ensuing chaos, several women were injured, along with three police constables who were trying to maintain order. Police forces eventually intervened and dispersed the YSRCP activists from the area. The incident has drawn widespread condemnation from opposition parties and women’s groups, who accused the ruling party of encouraging political violence and failing to uphold democratic rights. Calls have intensified for Jagan to issue an apology and take action against those responsible for the attack. Further tensions are expected as opposition leaders plan to visit the injured protestors and raise the issue in the state assembly.



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All Developers/Promoters/Builders and Real Estate Agents are hereby advised to refrain from engaging in any financial transactions or promotional activities with buyers in the name of “Pre-launch” for unregistered real estate projects. Any violation will attract strict legal action by APRERA under the provisions of the Act.

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NALA Act to Be Repealed: Minister Narayana

Ministerial sub-committee reviews land administration reforms

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Urban Development and Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana revealed that the Andhra Pradesh government is moving ahead with the repeal of the NALA Act (Non-Agricultural Lands Assessment Act), following widespread concerns and grievances. Speaking after attending a ministerial sub-committee meeting on land administration reforms held at the Secretariat, Minister Narayana explained that the decision was taken after thorough discussions and reports from officials.

He stated that the Chief Minister had already addressed the issue at the recent Collectors' Conference, expressing concern over the difficulties caused by the NALA Act. "Following the CM's clear stance, the cabinet has taken a decision to repeal NALA. This decision comes after officials studied the Act's impact and submitted a detailed report," Narayana said.

The minister also noted that a significant number of people had submitted complaints about fee-related issues associated with land conversions under NALA. These complaints were also taken into account during the sub-committee's deliberations. Minister Narayana added that several other revenue-related matters were discussed during the meeting, aiming to simplify land administration and make it more accessible and transparent to the public. The government is expected to announce a detailed framework soon on how the repeal will be implemented and what mechanisms will replace NALA provisions.

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The meeting aims to present the progress made by the government over the past year and outline its vision and plans for the next four years.

The venue is being specially arranged to accommodate a large audience, and officials have been directed to ensure all necessary arrangements are in place for the smooth conduct of the event. The meeting is expected to showcase key achievements in development and welfare sectors while reinforcing the government's commitment to transparent and efficient governance.

In addition to the state-level event, alliance leaders are organizing victory rallies today across all 175 assembly constituencies in Andhra Pradesh. These rallies aim to highlight the coalition's achievements and engage directly with the public as part of the first anniversary celebrations.

A detailed draft outlining governance goals for the next four years has also reportedly been prepared and may be shared during the public meeting.

New State Committee Elected for AP Contract and Outsourcing Employees Association

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The State General Body meeting of the Contract and Outsourcing Employees Association of Andhra Pradesh, affiliated with AP JAC Amaravati, was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the Revenue Bhavan in Lenin Center, Vijayawada. A 15-member new state committee was unanimously elected during this meeting, which was presided over by K. Suman.

Prominent leaders from AP JAC Amaravati including Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu, Organizing Secretary B. Kishore Kumar, and Capital City Committee Chairman P. Ravi Prasad attended the meeting as chief guests and observers for the committee election. In his keynote address, Bopparaju emphasized the crucial role played by outsourcing employees across government departments, despite receiving low wages and lacking job security. He demanded that the coalition government introduce a comprehensive system better than APCAS to safeguard the future of outsourcing workers and their families. Drawing attention to the successful HR policies implemented for SERP and MEPMA employees under the previous Telugu Desam regime, he urged the present government to adopt similar policies for all

outsourcing staff across departments. He also criticized the halting of welfare schemes for outsourcing employees and called on the government to extend all welfare benefits promised in the coalition manifesto to them as well. Another significant demand was for the government to eliminate middlemen in sectors like APSRTC, Medical and Health, Forest, and Gurukuls, and to directly credit salaries to workers through respective departments.

Newly elected State President K. Suman assured that the association would stand by all outsourcing employees working in various state departments and would fight for their rights. General Secretary E. Madhubabu mentioned that the association has already submitted several representations to government officials and pledged to continue efforts to address workers' grievances in coordination with AP JAC Amaravati leadership.

Newly Elected 15-Member State Committee:

- K. Suman – State President (Medical Dept)**
- P. Siva Saida Rao – Co-President (Tribal Welfare)**
- G. Sampath – Vice President (SSC Board)**

AP Govt Signs MoU with Cyient, AICTE to Boost Startup Ecosystem

- MoU signed in presence of Minister Nara Lokesh at Undavalli
- Focus on business skills, IP creation and startup culture in institutions
- First phase to begin from Visakhapatnam region

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh State Government has taken a significant step toward fostering entrepreneurship and innovation among youth by signing a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cyient Foundation and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The MoU was signed in the presence of Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh at his residence in Undavalli.

The agreement, led by the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSS DC), aims to support the development of business skills, encourage startup culture, and promote intellectual property creation among students and faculty. As part of the initiative, innovation clusters will



be developed starting with the Visakhapatnam region. Under this partnership, special centers named i-CARE (Innovation Creation and Research for Entrepreneurship) and i-CAFE (Idea Creation and Auxiliary Facilities for Entrepreneurship) will be established in engineering institutions. These centers will serve as hubs for boot

camps, hackathons, innovation fairs, and startup competitions. In addition, Intellectual Property Rights and Technology Transfer Cells (IPR-TT Cells) will also be set up in colleges to facilitate research and patent culture. The program also envisions cluster-level conclaves, mentoring sessions with industry

experts, and improved collaboration between academia, industry, and investors. APSS DC will serve as the nodal agency for implementation and coordination across various state departments.

Present at the MoU signing were APSS DC MD and CEO G. Ganesh Kumar, Executive Director K. Raghu, Collegiate Education Commissioner Narayana Bharat Gupta, Cyient Founder Chairman Dr. BVR Mohan Reddy, AICTE Vice Chairman, Chief Innovation Officer of the Ministry of Education Dr. Abhay Jere, and other key dignitaries from Cyient and the Ministry of Education.

The collaboration is expected to significantly boost the state's startup ecosystem and equip students with the necessary skills and mindset to become successful entrepreneurs.

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depositing the amount directly into the bank accounts of mothers across the state. The Thaliki Vandnam initiative is aimed at saluting motherhood and supporting the education of children. The scheme will benefit mothers of 67,27,164 students currently studying in Andhra Pradesh. The funds will be deposited as per the government's commitment to provide support for every child enrolled in school or intermediate first year.

This welfare initiative covers students from Class 1 to Intermediate first year. For newly enrolled students in these categories, the government will disburse the amount once the admission process concludes and relevant data is compiled. Officials have confirmed that the Government Order (GO) formalizing the implementation procedure will be released later today. The rollout of Thaliki Vandnam adds to a growing list of promises already fulfilled under the Super Six agenda, including the pension hike, revival of Anna Canteens, Mega DSC teacher recruitment, and Deepam-2 gas connection scheme.

Seen as a direct benefit transfer aimed at empowering women and encouraging education, Thaliki Vandnam is being positioned by the coalition government as a symbolic and substantive gift to mothers, reinforcing its commitment to welfare and accountability.

Tobacco Farmers Won't Be Left Behind: Minister Gottipati

TPN Correspondent | Ongole

Fuel Minister Gottipati Ravikumar assured tobacco farmers that the state government will not remain passive in the face of marketing challenges and losses. During an inspection at the Throvagunta Tobacco Purchase Centre in Ongole mandal on Wednesday, the minister called upon traders to purchase low-grade tobacco alongside high and medium grades.

He was accompanied by Associate Minister Dola and local officials, whom he instructed to streamline procurement operations. "For the past two years, traders and company representatives have made significant profits. It is now their responsibility to support farmers during this surplus year," Ravikumar stated.

He emphasized that marketing issues due to high production should not result in losses to farmers. "Buyers must come forward to support the farming community by ensuring full-scale purchases. The coalition government will not tolerate farmer distress," he said, adding that the Tobacco Board must step in if required. The minister also addressed issues surrounding the Black Burley tobacco variety, noting that earlier procurement problems have been resolved and traders must now resume pur-



chases without delay. Highlighting the government's commitment, he said, "Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is a true supporter of farmers. Whether it was issues with mango farmers or with oil palm and cocoa, the CM personally intervened to resolve them. We will ensure the same support for Black Burley tobacco farmers too."

To reinforce this support, the government has arranged for the Andhra Pradesh State Co-operative Marketing Federation (Markfed) to begin purchasing Black Burley tobacco on June 15 and 16. Minister Ravikumar affirmed that any new issues will be resolved swiftly and that the government is fully prepared to protect the interests of the agricultural community.

Officials from multiple departments attended the program to coordinate the procurement arrangements.

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Reports suggest that college principal Vankayalapati Srinivas faced coercion, claiming he was forcibly taken to a private residence in Guntur on May 31, 2025, and pressured to sign documents related to the land. Although Srinivas initially threatened to file a police complaint, his subsequent silence has sparked speculation of external pressure. His son reported surveillance by unidentified men to Satyanarayanapuram police, but no arrests have been made, intensifying concerns about law enforcement's response.

Police have registered a case against Boayapati Srinivas Apparao and nine others for illegal demolition, criminal trespass, and mischief, based on a complaint claiming unauthorized actions. Authorities confirmed that college correspondent Rama Satyanarayana and Principal Srinivas provided written permission for the demolition, raising suspicions of

internal complicity. Student unions have protested the act, highlighting the loss of critical academic records, including software course certificates, which has left thousands of students in limbo.

CPM leader Baburao called for urgent government action to protect the college's remaining assets, while TDP MLA Bonda Uma urged intervention to address the crisis. The lack of arrests 48 hours after the incident has fueled public anger, with student unions pressing Education Minister Nara Lokesh to safeguard students' rights and restore the institution's legacy.

As Vijayawada reels from the loss of Satavahana College, the allegations against Alapati Raja have cast a shadow over the city's political landscape. With opposition leaders demanding a thorough investigation and students' futures at stake, the state government faces mounting pressure to uncover the truth and deliver justice.

Chandrababu’s Rule a Curse for Farmers: Jagan

Farmers not getting fair prices, suicides increasing
Tobacco growers losing up to ₹80,000/acre
Warns of large-scale protests if govt doesn’t act urgently

TPN Correspondent | Prakasam
YSR Congress Party president and former Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy launched a scathing attack on the coalition government, alleging that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s rule has turned into a curse for farmers. Speaking to the media after visiting the Tobacco Board office in Podili, Prakasam district, Jagan expressed grave concern over the rising distress among farmers due to falling prices and the government’s failure to intervene. Jagan claimed that two farmers from Parchuru and Kondepi recently took their own lives due to heavy losses and lack of

support. “Farmers are not getting remunerative prices for their crops and are being forced to sell below the support price,” he said. “This government does not care about farmers’ problems, and no one is standing up for them.” “It was a farmer’s rule during our time; now it’s a broker’s kingdom” Reflecting on his own tenure, Jagan said his government had ensured minimum support prices, investment assistance, and transparent implementation of the free insurance scheme. He said Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs) functioned as farmer-support hubs and that a ₹3,000 crore price stabilization fund was established

to ensure competitive market pricing. Jagan also accused the current government of failing to deliver on its promises, pointing out that Chandrababu had promised an additional ₹20,000 on top of the Centre’s ₹6,000 assistance, but failed to provide it. “Modi gave his share, but Chandrababu ignored the farmer,” Jagan said. Black Burley tobacco farmers worst affected Jagan highlighted the plight of tobacco farmers, especially those cultivating Black Burley, stating that they are incurring losses up to ₹80,000 per acre. He noted that last year a kilo of tobacco fetched ₹366, but now



it’s not even getting ₹240. “Even high-quality tobacco is being ignored. Of the targeted 220 million kg, only 40 million kg has been collected so far,” he said. He questioned the rollback of procurement efforts like Marketed, which he claimed had created healthy market competition during his rule. “Farmers are losing out due to the nexus

between Chandrababu’s government and middlemen,” Jagan alleged. **Protests if government fails to act** Jagan warned the coalition government that massive farmers’ protests will be inevitable if urgent measures aren’t taken. “The government must respond immediately and support the farmers. Agriculture is

in shambles and the farmer is being told to go smoke the tobacco instead of selling it,” he remarked angrily. Calling for immediate procurement and fair pricing mechanisms, Jagan demanded that the government reintroduce competitive procurement models, release input subsidies, and restore insurance and support systems for farmers to survive.

Chandrababu's Leadership Driving State Development: MLA Vijayasree

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Tirupati: Sullurpet MLA Dr. Nelavala Vijayasree stated that the state of Andhra Pradesh is on a path of rapid development under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, with a focus on both welfare and infrastructure. She made these remarks while participating as the chief guest in the inauguration of blacktop (BT) roads worth ₹8.30 crore, constructed using government funds in Bhatlakanupuru Gram Panchayat, Ojili Mandal of Tirupati district. MLA Vijayasree emphasized that the government is committed to bringing visible and positive changes in the lives of the people through a combination of welfare schemes and developmental



initiatives. “Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s leadership is laying the foundation for a developed and future-ready Andhra Pradesh,” she said.

The event also saw the distribution of electrical transformers to the farmers of Bhatlakanupuru village, ensuring better agricultural infrastructure and electricity access. TDP constituency in-charge Nelavala Subrahmanyam, senior leader Gunnam Reddy Madhusudhan Reddy, and other local officials and party workers took part in the inaugural ceremony. Among the dignitaries present were Mandal TDP President Vijay Kumar Naidu, leaders Bachala Ravindra Reddy, Guravaiah, MPDO Vijayalakshmi, Tehsildar Padmavati, R&B Department DE Ramana, and Transco AE Anil. They all lauded the local efforts to align village development with the broader state vision under the coalition government.

Lokesh Slams YCP Over Podili Attack on Women and Police

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh has come down heavily on the YSR Congress Party (YCP) following a violent incident in Podili, where women and police officers were allegedly attacked by YCP supporters during a protest. In a strongly worded statement, Lokesh condemned the attack and promised that those involved would face strict punishment. Lokesh referred to the attackers as “YCP psychos” and expressed outrage over the stone-pelting targeting women and law enforcement personnel. “The miscreants who attacked women and police with stones will be punished severely,” the minister warned. Taking aim at former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Lokesh criticized his recent public association with what he described as “rowdy sheeters” in Tenali. “This is the same party now defending people who insulted women by calling them prostitutes,” Lokesh said, expressing deep concern over the degrading remarks made by some YSRC leaders. He accused Jagan of hypocrisy when it comes to respecting women. “A person who dragged his own mother and sister into court battles, and spread baseless rumors about his sister’s birth, cannot be expected to respect any woman,” Lokesh asserted. The minister demanded an unconditional apology from Jagan for both the verbal abuse by YSRC leaders and the physical assault on women in Podili. “You must answer for this attack and apologize to the women of this state,” Lokesh said, adding that Andhra Pradesh will not tolerate such politics.



Jagan, Bharathi behind conspiracy to defame capital, says BJP MLA



TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

BJP MLA Adinarayana Reddy has strongly condemned the recent derogatory remarks made by Sakshi channel anchors Kommene Srinivasa Rao and Krishnam Raju against the women of Amaravati. Speaking to media in Kadapa on Wednesday, the MLA alleged that there is a deliberate conspiracy behind these remarks, orchestrated by former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and his wife Bharathi Reddy to malign the image of Amaravati and stir unrest in the region. “The comments made by Sakshi anchors are extremely wicked and unacceptable. Jagan and Bharathi are conspiring to create chaos and disrespect the dignity of the capital region,” he said. Reddy accused the couple of leading the state into economic ruin and said their actions have only served to destabilize progress in Andhra Pradesh.

He further lashed out at Jagan, predicting that the former CM is “certain to go to jail” in connection with the liquor scam, and added that several other YSRC leaders who were involved in irregularities during their tenure will also face legal consequences. Adinarayana Reddy questioned Jagan’s moral standing, remarking, “Will anyone believe in Jagan’s talk about democracy when he distanced his own mother and sister?” He accused the former CM of running a vindictive and destructive administration during his term. Reddy also criticized the impatience shown by YSRC leaders while the new coalition government is initiating steps toward the state’s recovery. He reiterated that those responsible for wrongdoing in the past five years will not be spared.

Why Can’t Jagan and Bharati apologize?

Sharmila Says YSRC lacks respect for women
Calls out Sajjala and his son for abusive behavior

TPN Correspondent | Rayachoti

Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) President YS Sharmila on Tuesday demanded an apology from former Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy and Sakshi Channel Chairperson Bharathi Reddy for what she called insulting remarks against women protestors from Amaravati. Speaking to media in Rayachoti, Annamayya district, Sharmila said that Sakshi TV, which is owned by Bharathi Reddy, aired demeaning content targeting the women of the Amaravati movement, and both Jagan and Bharathi should apologize publicly. Sharmila stated that Sajjala Ra-

makrishna Reddy’s recent remarks also reflect the YSRC’s disregard for women, especially those who led peaceful protests in Amaravati. “How can those who can’t respect their own sisters show respect to protesting women?” she questioned. She also accused the YSRC social media wing of relentlessly trolling and abusing women, including her and her mother YS Vijayamma. “They don’t even spare children, mothers, or sisters. Jagan doesn’t even respect his own sister—how will he respect other women?” she asked. “Sisters are just a curse word to you” Later, at a Congress meeting held in

Puttaparthi, Sri Sathya Sai district, Sharmila continued her scathing attack. She recalled how she once walked 3,000 km in support of Jagan when he was in need. “When my brother asked, I walked 3,000 km. If my father had asked for my life, I would’ve given it. That’s how much I valued blood relations. But for you, ‘sister’ is just a curse word,” she said. Sharmila asserted that the current turmoil began the day YS Vijayamma was pushed out of YSRC. She said that had Bharathi Reddy apologized for the remarks made by Sakshi anchor Krishnam Raju, the issue wouldn’t have escalated. Instead, she accused



Bharathi of standing by disrespectful content. “Jagan has now become Modi’s adopted son, supporting every bill introduced by the BJP-led central government,” she remarked.

She concluded by warning that the Congress disciplinary committee will act against any party member engaging in pro-YSRC behavior, signaling a tough stance on internal dissent.

Haritha Beram Park’s Historic Yoga Feat Makes Global Waves

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Vijayawada’s Haritha Beram Park became the stage for a historic event during YogaAndhra-2025,



as the NTR District administration set a new world record for the largest group yoga session on water. Nearly 2,000 people performed yoga asanas on various

watercraft, including boats, speed boats, kayaks, sand boats, jet skis, and lifeboats, following the Common Yoga Protocol. This remarkable feat earned a prestigious certificate from the World Records Union (WRU), presented by their representative, Sharif Hanif.

The event, held on a river in Vijayawada, was organized to promote India’s rich yoga heritage and make it accessible to all. Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni), State Tourism Special Chief Secretary Ajay Jain, GAD-Political Principal Secretary Mukesh Kumar Meena, NTR District Collector Dr. G. Laksh-

misha, Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya, and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanaachandra HM were honored with the WRU certificate for their roles in this mega event. To ensure safety, robust security measures were in place, with no untoward incidents reported. Trained boat operators, lifeguards, and life jackets were readily available, making the event smooth and secure. The record-breaking yoga session has put Vijayawada on the global map, showcasing the city’s commitment to promoting wellness and Indian culture through yoga.

Don't Be Disheartened, I'm Here for You: Collector Venkata Murali

Collector assures full support to Chirala youth Pawan

TPN Correspondent | Bapatla

In a heartwarming gesture, Bapatla District Collector Venkata Murali extended his support to an engineering student left helpless after his mother’s death. Pamujula Pawan, a final-year engineering student from Hastinapuram village in Chirala mandal, lost his mother Venkatasirisha recently to illness. His mother, a village association assistant, had been raising him alone after her husband abandoned the family years ago. With her passing, Pawan’s future seemed uncertain, as she had been the sole support system in his life. The District Rural Development Agency (DRDA),

recognizing the young man’s situation, stepped in to help. Under the P4 (People’s Participation for Progress) initiative, the DRDA adopted Pawan to support his higher education.

In an emotional moment, all the members of the Chirala village association came together and contributed ₹50,000, which was handed over to District Collector Venkata Murali to be given to Pawan. The Collector not only provided the assistance but also personally reassured the youth. “Don’t be disheartened. I am here for you. You can reach out to me anytime you face difficulty,” the Collector told Pawan, patting him on the shoulder and



offering moral support. He also lauded the DRDA team, especially Project Director Srinivasa Rao, for taking the lead in such a meaningful act of compassion. “This is the first time such an adoption has happened

in the district, and it’s a commendable step,” Collector Murali remarked. This gesture by the administration is being hailed by locals as a shining example of responsive governance and humane leadership.

Industrial Parks to Boost Local Employment Opportunities

Strict action promised against illegal soil excavation

₹96 lakh BT Road, ₹40 lakh retaining wall inaugurated

TPN Correspondent | Krishna

Gannavaram MLA and Government Whip Yarlagadda Venkat Rao reiterated his commitment to the all-round development of the Gannavaram constituency, asserting that job creation through industrialisation and proper infrastructure are his top priorities. On Wednesday morning, he toured the constituency and laid the foundation stone for a new retaining wall in Savaragudem village, to be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹40 lakh. Later, he inaugurated a ₹96 lakh BT road from Allapuram village to the Polytechnic College, as well as the newly developed NTTF College Road within the Dawaji Gudem village limits.

Addressing the media, the MLA highlighted his focus on indus-

trial development, saying that efforts were underway to set up two new industrial parks in addition to the existing Mallavalli and Veerapaneni Gudem model parks. “Every household has educated unemployed youth. Only through large-scale industrialisation can we offer economic stability and job opportunities to the younger generation,” he said. Venkat Rao also responded to recent allegations regarding illegal soil excavation. He clarified that permissions for pond dredging were granted only with the consent of local villagers and solely for community needs. “Ponds are public assets. Soil extracted is intended for village use only. No permissions have been granted to transport soil using lorries,” he stressed.

He further warned that any ex-



cavation exceeding one metre depth, or any commercial transport of soil, would attract strict legal action. “I did not enter politics to trade soil. I am here to ensure overall development,” he stated firmly.

Referring to the one-year milestone of the NDA coalition government, the MLA outlined development activities already completed under his tenure. He urged the public to bring forward any evidence related to al-

leged soil misuse, assuring that immediate action would be taken.

The event was attended by NDA leaders Chirumamilla Suryanarayana Prasad, Donthu Chinna, Gudapati Tulasi Mohan, Bodapati Ravikumar, Medepally Rama, Kasarneni Rangababu, BJP leaders Kumaraswamy and Kanur Seshu Madhavi, along with various public representatives and officials.

Journalists Demand Housing Plots, Accreditation Cards

TPN Correspondent | Ibrahimpatnam

A protest was held on Wednesday at the Ibrahimpatnam Tahsildar’s office under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists Federation (APWJF). Mylavaram constituency committee, demanding immediate allocation of housing plots and new accreditation cards for eligible journalists. Raising slogans in support of their demands, the journalists expressed frustration over the delay in allotment of housing plots and called for the formation of an accreditation committee to issue fresh cards

to newly eligible journalists. A petition outlining the demands was submitted to Deputy Tahsildar Sai Mahesh, urging him to bring the issue to the notice of the District Collector and take prompt action.

APWJF leaders stated that many journalists have been serving for years without being allotted housing plots and are struggling to manage in rented accommodations. They emphasized that it is the responsibility of the government to recognize and support these professionals who work tirelessly to report public issues. They further pointed out

that accreditation cards issued by the previous government were merely extended, and no new cards have been issued to deserving individuals since then. They urged the state government to form a new accreditation committee and ensure that all eligible journalists are granted official recognition.

The protestors also highlighted the rising attacks on journalists covering public interest stories and demanded that the government take strict action against the culprits. They called for the formation of a Media Commission to address the long-standing

concerns of journalists and proposed that life and health insurance, as well as pension schemes, be introduced for working journalists to ensure their security and dignity. Leaders who participated in the protest included A. Babu, Adapa Shiva, Satya, Bommu Gopi, Mekala Bhanu, CH Rambabu, Salman, S. Nagaraju, CH Murali, M. Raghavulu, Dasi Pratap, Palke Nares, M. Ramesh, and V. Nagaraju, among others. The journalists made it clear that they would intensify their agitation if the government fails to act on their demands.

APNCET-2025 for BSc Nursing Admissions Announced

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences has announced the Andhra Pradesh Nursing Common Entrance Test (APNCET-2025) for admissions to BSc Nursing courses for the 2025-26 academic year. The entrance exam is scheduled for July 6, 2025, and applications will be accepted from May 28 to June 20, 2025, until 6 PM.

In a press conference held at the university, Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. Chandrasekhar highlighted the global demand for nursing professionals, stating it as a great opportunity for students. He noted that the Indian Nursing Council mandated a separate entrance exam for BSc Nursing admissions, replacing the earlier EAPCET-based selection process. The university released the APNCET-2025 notification on May 27, 2025. Over 5,000 applications have already been received, with expectations of reaching 15,000 by the deadline.

Dr. Chandrasekhar also announced that on July 1, 2025, during National Doctors’ Day, ten doctors will be honored with awards for their exceptional service. State Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav will attend as the chief guest. University Registrar Dr. V. Radhika Reddy emphasized the shortage of nurses in India, with only 1.9 nurses per 1,000 people compared to the World Health Organization’s standard of 3. She highlighted that many nursing graduates secure high-paying jobs abroad, especially in Middle Eastern countries and Germany, earning up to 3 lakh rupees annually. Government nursing colleges are also teaching foreign languages to prepare students for global opportunities. The APNCET-2025 exam will be a 100-mark test covering English, Nursing Aptitude, Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, and Physics.

Controller of Examinations CH. Srinivas Rao added that the exam will be conducted in Telugu and English, with no negative marking. Questions will be based on Intermediate-level Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English, and Nursing from state and central syllabi. To help students unfamiliar with computers, the university will conduct mock tests for a week.

With 13,710 nursing seats available in government and private colleges across the state, this is a significant opportunity for aspiring nurses. Interested candidates can apply and find more details on the university website: <http://drntr.uhsap.in/>.



MyLavaram Development Plan Review Under Swarnaandhra Vision-2047



TPN Correspondent | NTR District

A key review meeting was held at Sai Datta Kalyana Mandapam in Paigollapudi village to assess the developmental documentation for the Mylavaram constituency under the ambitious Swarnaandhra Vision-2047 initiative. The meeting was organized under the leadership of local MLA Vasanta Krishna Prasad, with MP Keshineni Sivanath attending as the chief guest.

As part of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s vision to shape Andhra Pradesh’s long-term growth trajectory, this meeting focused on discussing plans for the overall development of the Mylavaram constituency, a region strategically located between the capital city Amaravati and the key urban center of Vijayawada.

Speaking at the meeting, leaders emphasized that Mylavaram, being a vital entry point to Amaravati and Vijayawada, holds immense potential for rapid progress in agriculture, horticulture, tourism, sports, and industrial sectors. It was noted that the constituency’s future growth would be closely aligned with the development of these two major urban centers.

NDA alliance leaders and various government department officials participated in the meeting and provided their insights and suggestions. Officials reiterated that as per the CM’s directives, all planning and documentation for the Mylavaram region are being aligned with the Swarnaandhra Vision-2047 blueprint.

MLA Vasanta Krishna Prasad confirmed that a detailed roadmap has already been prepared for the region’s growth, aiming to tap into its full potential and ensure sustainable development over the next two decades.

Pawan Kalyan Releases ₹50 Lakh for Konidela Village

Deputy CM fulfills promise to adopt and upgrade village

TPN Correspondent | Nandyal
Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan has fulfilled his promise by releasing ₹50 lakh for the development of Konidela village in Nandikotkur mandal of Nandyal district. The village, which carries the family name of the actor-turned-politician, was adopted by him earlier this

year. The funds were formally handed over at a program held at the Nandyal Collectorate. District Collector Rajakumari presented the cheque to DRO Ramunayak, Administrative Officer Ravi Kumar, and Section Superintendent Narasimha Rao. She emphasized that the funds would be used exclusively for the

comprehensive development of Konidela village. During his visit to Kurnool district in March, Pawan Kalyan had interacted with Nandikotkur MLA Jayasurya and the local sarpanch, who explained the conditions in the village. Deeply moved by the situation, he adopted the village and pledged ₹50 lakh from his per-

sonal trust for its development. Following his directive, the district administration has drawn up a detailed plan to improve infrastructure in the village. According to Collector Rajakumari, key development works will include laying roads, building a sewerage system, and constructing a 90,000-litre capacity water tank as request-



ed by the villagers. The gesture by Pawan Kalyan is being seen as a significant step in promoting rural development and honoring his personal roots. Locals have welcomed the move and expressed hope that other leaders will follow suit in supporting backward villages in the region.

Solar Push for All Govt Offices in Andhra Pradesh

Minister Atchannaidu inaugurates ₹35 lakh rooftop unit in Eluru



TPN Correspondent | Eluru

Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu announced that solar energy systems will be installed in all government offices across Andhra Pradesh. Speaking at the inauguration of a 50-kilowatt rooftop solar power unit at the Eluru Agricultural Market Committee yard on Wednesday, he emphasized the government's

commitment to promoting renewable energy. The newly installed system, built at a cost of ₹35 lakh, is expected to save around ₹60,000 per month in electricity bills, which the minister said would recover the investment in just 2 to 3 years. "Solar power is being promoted extensively across the state," Atchannaidu stated,

adding that installations are being provided free of cost to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, while additional subsidies are being extended to Backward Class households. He further revealed that every MLA in the state has been assigned the goal of facilitating solar power for 10,000 households in their constituency. The minister said that solar panels will be progressively installed in agricultural and allied department offices, market committees, and farmers' markets throughout the state. "Eluru market yard is one of the biggest in the state after Guntur's pepper yard, and it's a major hub for lemon cultivation," he said.

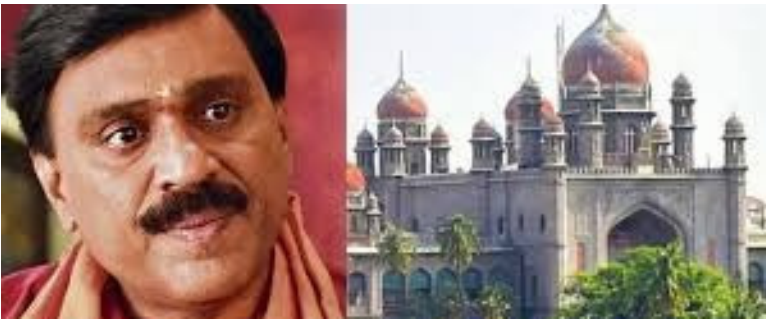
Calling on the public to adopt solar energy at the household level, Atchannaidu emphasized the long-term savings and environmental benefits. "The state is not just pushing for sustainability but also aiming at significant savings for institutions and families alike," he said. Principal Secretary of Agriculture Budithi Rajasekhara, District Collector K. Vetriselvi, Eluru MLA Badeti Radhakrishnaiah (Chanti), RDO Achyut Ambareesh, APCOB Chairman Ganni Veeranjanyulu, Eluru Mayor Sheikh Noorjahan Pedababu, Co-option Member S.M.R. Pedababu, Market Committee Chairman Mamillapalli Parthasarathy, and several other officials were present at the event.

Obulapuram Mining Case

Telangana High Court Suspends Gali Janardhan Reddy's 7-Year Jail Sentence
Reddy ordered to surrender passport, furnish ₹10 lakh sureties

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

In a major relief to former Karnataka MLA and mining baron Gali Janardhan Reddy, the Telangana High Court has suspended the seven-year rigorous imprisonment sentence handed down by a CBI special court in the Obulapuram illegal mining case. The interim order came as a significant legal reprieve for the ex-legislator, who is one of the primary accused in the high-profile case. On May 5, the CBI special court in Hyderabad convicted Reddy and three others, sentencing them to seven years in prison along with a monetary penalty. The case pertains to illegal mining operations conducted under the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) in Andhra Pradesh. Following the verdict, the Karnataka Assembly had disqualified Reddy from his MLA post. Challenging the lower court's verdict, Reddy approached the Telangana High Court seeking



suspension of his sentence. His legal counsel argued that he had already served more than three years in jail and that a by-election triggered by his disqualification would cause unnecessary political and personal damage. The court was also informed that his appeal against conviction is pending and requires time for disposal. Taking these arguments into consideration, the High Court granted interim relief to Janardhan Reddy. The court instructed him to furnish two sureties of ₹10 lakh each and imposed strict conditions including surrendering his passport and refraining from leaving the country. These conditions were set to ensure his

availability for further judicial proceedings. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), however, strongly objected to the plea, arguing that the nature of the offence and the existence of multiple pending cases against Reddy did not warrant suspension of the sentence. Despite their objections, the High Court decided in favour of Reddy, stating that further legal scrutiny is necessary before enforcing the conviction. With this decision, Gali Janardhan Reddy secures temporary legal relief, but the larger battle around the Obulapuram mining scam remains far from over as the appeal process continues.

Police confirm Sakshi office was not set on fire

Blaze broke out in nearby furniture godown
TDP rally was 200 meters away at the time of incident

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

A fire incident in Eluru on Tuesday led to a wave of misinformation on social media, with several users and some outlets claiming that the Sakshi newspaper office had been set on fire by protesting TDP workers. However, Eluru police and fire officials swiftly refuted these reports, stating that the fire broke out in a furniture godown unrelated to the Sakshi office. According to Eluru DSP D. Sravan Kumar, a furniture repair shop located in the same building as the Sakshi office caught fire around the time a Telugu Desam Party (TDP) protest was taking place nearby. The protest, involving women and party activists from the Denduluru constituency, was held to condemn comments aired by the Sakshi channel. The demonstrators were approximately 200 meters away from the scene when the fire broke out. Police said a sofa placed on the veranda of the godown caught fire, and the flames spread to nearby chairs. Alert police personnel and firefighters responded quickly, preventing the fire from spreading further and bringing it under

control. No damage occurred to the Sakshi office, which is located on a separate portion of the building's first floor, nor to the Teachers' Union office located nearby. "Some social media accounts and media houses have falsely claimed that the Sakshi office was torched and its staff assaulted. These are baseless allegations," said DSP Sravan Kumar during a press interaction. Three Town CI Koteswara Rao added that there was no confrontation between TDP workers and Sakshi staff, and that the protest was peaceful and distant from the scene. The owner of the furniture shop, Ungarala Srinivasa Rao, confirmed the fire started accidentally in his godown. Additional District Fire Officer Ramakrishna stated there was no sign of any chemical usage to initiate the fire and that it was likely caused by a short circuit. Authorities have urged the public not to spread misinformation and clarified that the fire incident was completely unrelated to the political protest. Police are continuing their investigation, but all evidence so far points to an accidental fire and not an act of arson.



Awards Motivate Students to Excel, Says MLA Prashanthireddy



TPN Correspondent | Nellore

Kovur MLA Smt. Vemireddy Prashanthireddy on Wednesday said that recognising academic talent through awards enhances competitiveness among students and motivates them to achieve greater heights. She was speaking at the Pratibha Puraskaram felicitation event held at DGP Kalyana Mandapam in Nellore, organised by the District Padmasali Sangam. As part of the ceremony, 100 Padmasali community students who achieved exceptional results in the 10th class examinations were honoured with awards and cash incentives. The event was attended by Rajya Sabha MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, TDP leader Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy, State Padmasali Corporation Chairman Nandam Abaddaiah, former MLC Budati Radhakrishnaiah, Sangam Convener Balaji, and several community leaders and parents. Addressing the gathering, MLA

Prashanthireddy extended heartfelt appreciation to the parents of the award-winning students. "These awards not only celebrate student achievement but also foster a healthy spirit of competition among youngsters. This program is a shining example of how a community can come together to encourage educational excellence," she said. She praised MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy for his deep commitment to children's education, citing the establishment of VPR Vidya School which provides free education to underprivileged children. "Education rooted in human values is vital, and we must empower every child to aim high and achieve their dreams," she added. MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy and other leaders also spoke on the importance of community support for educational initiatives. The event concluded with the felicitation of all 100 awardees in the presence of their proud parents.



Petition to MEO Seeking Action Against Hefty Fees by Private Schools

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Tirupati: Student leaders from the All India Students Federation (AISF) submitted a petition to Mandal Education Officer (MEO) Balayya at ZP Boys High School, Srikalahasti, demanding action against private and corporate educational institutions charging exorbitant fees. Led by AISF Area President Shiva Teja, along with Santosh, Abhi, and Venu, the delegation expressed concern over the growing financial burden on parents, stating that some institutions were "calling for the blood of parents" with their fee structures. The leaders alleged that lakhs of rupees are being charged annually in the name of tuition, along with exorbitant costs for books and uniforms, often branded and pre-named to restrict affordability and alternative purchases. They urged the MEO to intervene and alert higher authorities to enforce regulations and ensure access to education for students from economically weaker sections. MEO Balayya received the petition and assured the AISF delegation that the concerns would be brought to the notice of the District Education Office and the State Government. He appreciated the students' initiative in raising the issue and said steps would be considered to curb exploitative practices in the private education sector.

Is America Still the Dream for Indian Students? A Shifting Reality

For decades, the United States has been the gold standard for higher education, especially for Indian students. Icons like Sundar Pichai, Indra Nooyi, Raghuram Rajan, and Amartya Sen all honed their intellects at prestigious American universities, eventually rising to global leadership roles. American institutions such as MIT, Stanford, and Harvard not only provided academic excellence but also symbolized intellectual freedom and opportunity.

But in 2025, that image is beginning to crack. Recent political developments—especially under Donald Trump’s administration—have placed American academia under pressure. Institutions like Harvard and Columbia are facing political backlash for their perceived liberal values and student protests, particularly over issues like Gaza and racial equity. Trump’s aggressive stance, which includes freezing student visa interview appointments and scrutinizing applicants’ social media history, is sending shockwaves through the international student community, including in India.

These changes are more than just bu-



reaucratic hurdles. For Indian families who meticulously plan and invest in U.S. education, the uncertainty

is causing anxiety and disappointment. Many now wonder whether the dream of an American degree is still

worth the risk and expense.

Data already shows a shift: Indian

student enrolment in the U.S. has reportedly dropped by 28% in 2025. Alternatives like the UK, Australia, Canada, and even Germany are gaining traction. These countries offer high-quality education without the current political hostility that seems to plague American campuses.

The irony is stark: while Indian students have contributed immensely to U.S. research, technology, and economics, they are now being viewed with suspicion. America’s academic institutions, long admired for openness and innovation, risk losing their edge by turning inward.

However, this disruption also presents an opportunity for India. With institutions like the IITs, IIMs, and emerging private universities, India can position itself as a new hub for global education. By focusing on research investment, policy reform, and academic freedom, India could not only retain its own talent but also attract students from around the world disillusioned with America’s shifting priorities.

The tide is turning. The question now is: will India rise to meet it?

No, India Is Not Israel and Pakistan Is Not Palestine: Why the Analogy Fails

In recent years—and especially after the April 2022 Pahalgam terror attack—many commentators have lazily drawn parallels between the India-Pakistan conflict and the Israel-Palestine issue. Social media and even academic circles have promoted the narrative that India is acting like Israel while Pakistan mirrors Palestine. However, this comparison is deeply flawed and distorts both regional and geopolitical realities.

Unlike the Israel-Palestine conflict—which involves a militarized state controlling a stateless people under occupation—the India-Pakistan conflict is between two sovereign nations with clearly defined, internationally recognized borders. Pakistan’s framing of Kashmir as “Palestine” ignores decades of its own state-sponsored terrorism, from Punjab to Jammu & Kashmir and even India’s Northeast. Unlike the occupied Palestinians, Pakistan is not stateless—it is a nation that has repeatedly used proxy groups to destabilize India.

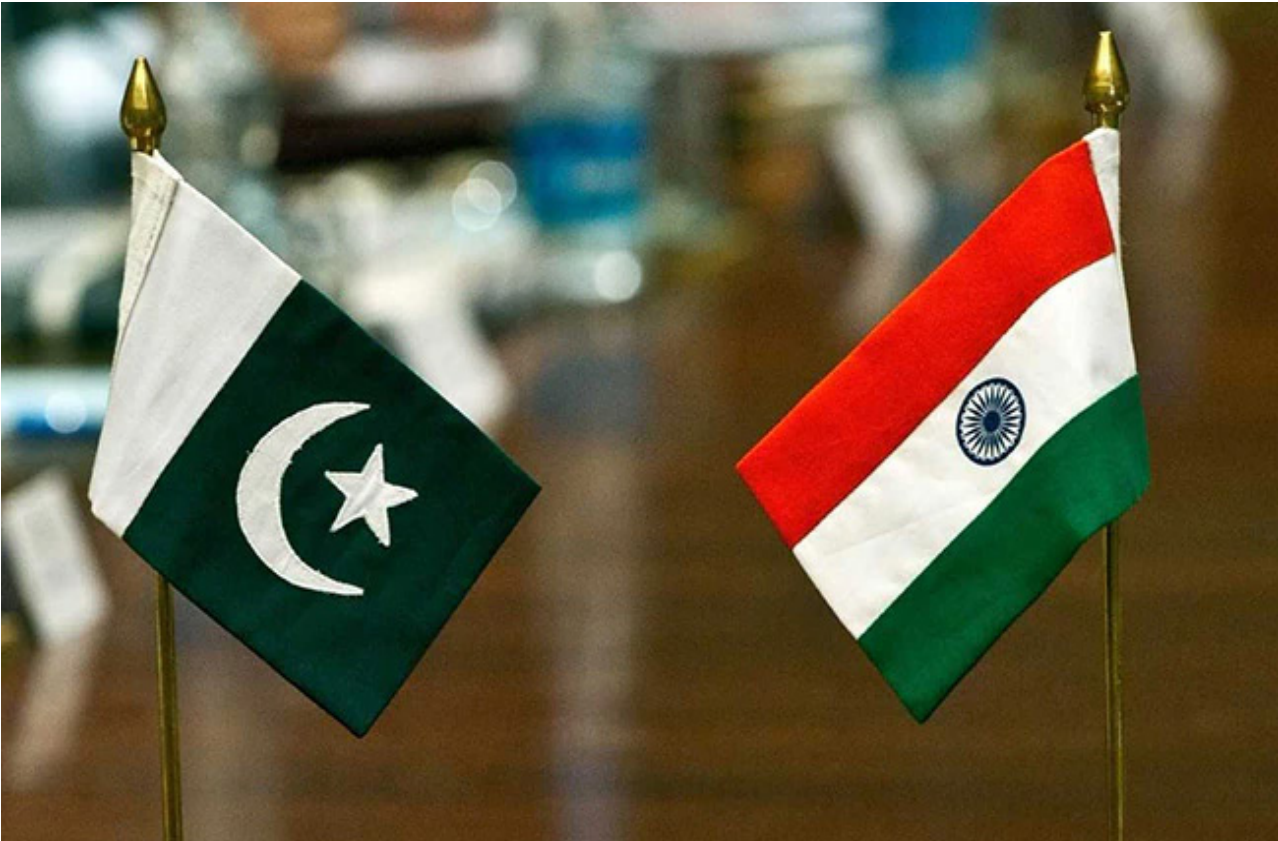
This misleading analogy also dilutes the Palestinian struggle for dignity, freedom, and statehood. While Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank live under military occupation with severe restrictions on basic rights, Pakistan continues to shelter militant groups and enforce religious discrimination through state institutions. This includes constitutional discrimination against Ahmadiyyas and systematic targeting of Shia communities—actions that reflect state complicity, not victimhood.

In contrast, India, despite facing internal religious tensions, remains a functioning democracy where Muslims, though under social and political strain, maintain legal protections, cultural institutions, and political representation. Leaders like APJ Abdul Kalam and current opposition figures such as Asaduddin Owaisi and Salman Khurshid have held key roles in governance and international diplomacy—something nearly unimaginable for religious minorities in Pakistan.

The analogy also misrepresents India’s counter-terror strategy. India has consistently differentiated between the people of Pakistan and its military-intelligence complex that supports terrorism. Its policies are driven by national security, not collective punishment. On the other hand, Israel’s responses to Palestinian resistance—such as bombings and blockades—are often seen as disproportionate, drawing global criticism.

Furthermore, India has long supported the Palestinian cause at the UN, even while deepening strategic ties with Israel. Unlike Israel’s occupation model, India does not suppress a stateless people—it defends its sovereignty against cross-border threats.

To equate India with Israel and Pakistan with Palestine is not only inaccurate but dangerously oversimplified. It undermines nuanced diplomacy, weakens India’s global standing, and trivializes the real struggles of Palestinians.



What Mumbai’s Recent Floods Reveal About Our Climate Future



The recent flooding of Mumbai’s brand-new Acharya Atre station on Metro Line 3, caused by 90 mm of rain in just 90 minutes on May 27, highlighted a troubling reality: extreme weather events are growing more intense and unpredictable. Despite being a state-of-the-art facility, the station was overwhelmed when water surged in from storm drains combined with high tide, flooding concourses and tracks, and forcing a temporary shutdown. This event, described by Mumbai Metro chief Ashwini Bhide as “unprecedented” and “overwhelming,” is a stark reminder that our infrastructure is struggling to cope with climate change-driven weather extremes.

Simultaneously, a glacier collapse in Switzerland triggered a mudslide causing a minor earthquake, showing that these powerful natural disasters are a global phenomenon. The usual forecasting models and data-driven predictions are proving inadequate in the face of increasingly erratic climate patterns. The monsoon in India arrived a full week early in 2025, leading to the third wettest May in 125 years. Such shifts have disrupted industries—cooling product sales slumped, and manufacturers had to adjust production, showing how climate unpredictability can ripple through economies.

Scientists have long warned about the limits of Earth’s “planetary boundaries”—the critical processes needed to maintain a stable climate and ecosystem balance. A 2024 report by Johan Rockström and colleagues revealed that six of nine planetary boundaries, including freshwater availability, biodiversity, land use, and climate, have already been crossed, pushing the Earth dangerously close to irreversible damage.

With weather patterns becoming more chaotic and forecasting less reliable, developing countries like India face tough challenges. One promising solution is climate risk insurance. However, India’s insurance penetration remains low, with just 3.7% of the population insured in 2023-24, partly due to cultural resistance and economic constraints. Climate insurance, if structured as a public good with government support and tied to sustainability commitments—such as communities adopting eco-friendly practices—could mitigate some risks.

Currently, India offers crop insurance through schemes like Fasal Bima Yojana and some parametric insurance for farmers, but broader coverage for businesses is limited. Kerala’s government-backed insurance for MSMEs is a start, but lacks incentives for climate-conscious practices. A nationwide insurance program that rewards companies for ecological stewardship—such as protecting natural water bodies or innovating sustainable technologies—could encourage resilience while lowering costs.

Financial innovations like catastrophe bonds (CAT bonds) could also play a role. These bonds, which transfer disaster risks to investors, help insurers manage large payouts from extreme events without overburdening taxpayers. The global CAT bond market reached \$50 billion in 2024, offering attractive returns while spreading risk—making it a growing tool in climate finance.

Mumbai’s floods are a warning: climate change is no longer a distant threat but a present reality demanding urgent, innovative solutions in urban planning, risk management, and public policy to protect lives and livelihoods in an unpredictable future.

India’s rapidly expanding infrastructure network boosting ‘Ease of Living’: PM Modi

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked what he called “11 Years of Infrastructure Revolution,” emphasizing the transformative impact of India’s rapidly growing infrastructure network. In a post on social media platform X, PM Modi stated, “It’s been #11YearsOfInfraRevolution, with outstanding infrastructure being added that has enhanced India’s growth trajectory.”

Highlighting key developments across sectors like railways, highways, ports, and airports, Modi underscored how these advancements are improving the ‘Ease of Living’ and fueling economic prosperity. The Prime Minister reshared a detailed thread originally posted by the government’s citizen engagement platform, MyGovIndia, showcasing the country’s infrastructure achievements under



his leadership.

“Smart Cities. Safer Roads. Smoother Commutes — #New-India’s Infrastructure Promise. India’s infrastructure is racing into the future under PM @narendramodi’s leadership,” read the MyGovIndia post. It praised

the government’s commitment to modernization and connectivity, noting that India’s infrastructure transformation is more than physical change — it is a symbol of national ambition.

The post described the journey

as one where “steel and spirit merge,” with infrastructure projects serving as milestones of hope for the country’s 1.4 billion citizens. Whether it’s highways that reduce travel time, bridges connecting remote regions, or digital networks fostering innovation, each development is seen as a building block of a stronger, more confident India.

In a separate message, PM Modi emphasized the importance of sustainable, forward-thinking development. “India’s push for next-gen infrastructure is powered by sustainability and long-term vision. It is laying the foundations of a self-reliant India,” he wrote. The government continues to promote infrastructure as a key pillar of its development strategy, backed by major investments and a future-ready vision aimed at inclusive growth and national transformation.



Govind Raghuvanshi Consoles Raja’s Mother Demands Justice in Meghalaya Honeymoon Murder Case

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

In the wake of the tragic Meghalaya honeymoon murder case, Govind Raghuvanshi, brother of the accused Sonam Raghuvanshi, visited the grieving family of Raja Raghuvanshi in Indore to offer his condolences and support. Raja, who was on his honeymoon with Sonam, was found dead in a gorge near Sohra, close to Cherrapunji, on June 2. His wife Sonam, who later went missing, was located in Uttar Pradesh and taken into custody by the Meghalaya police. She is currently under interrogation. Speaking to reporters, Govind made a strong statement: “If Sonam is guilty, she should be hanged.” He emphasized that his family has completely disowned Sonam and expressed their commitment to fight for justice on behalf of Raja.

Govind also revealed that their parents, after learning the details of the case, have chosen to sever ties with Sonam. “My parents didn’t know anything before, but now they have accepted the truth. We all stand with Raja’s family,” he said. He further claimed to be fully convinced of his sister’s guilt based on the evidence presented so far. “I am 100 per cent sure she committed this crime. All those accused are linked to Raj Kushwaha, who is allegedly Sonam’s boyfriend,” Govind alleged.

Vowing to pursue legal action, he stated, “We will appoint a lawyer and ensure Sonam faces the consequences of her actions.” This case has shocked many, with Raja’s death turning what was meant to be a romantic getaway into a national tragedy. As investigations continue, Govind has taken a public stand for justice, distancing his family from the accused and aligning himself with the bereaved family of Raja Raghuvanshi.

Cabinet Approves ₹6,405 Crore Rail Doubling Projects in Jharkhand, Karnataka, and AP

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved two major railway doubling projects worth ₹6,405 crore to boost freight mobility and improve rail connectivity in key regions of India. These initiatives, under the Ministry of Railways, are aligned with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multimodal connectivity.



1. Koderma–Barkakana Doubling (133 km), Jharkhand

This railway section runs through the coal-rich belt of Jharkhand and is a vital connector between Patna and Ranchi. Covering Koderma, Chatra, Hazaribagh, and Ramgarh districts, the project will improve access for 938 villages and benefit approximately 1.5 million people.

Infrastructure includes 17 large bridges, 180 small bridges, 42 road overbridges (ROBs), and 13 road underbridges (RUBs). The line is projected to handle an additional 30.4 million tonnes of freight annually. It is expected to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 1,630 million kg per year—equivalent to planting 70 million trees—and save 320 million litres of diesel.

2. Ballari–Chikjajur Doubling (185 km), Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

Spanning Ballari and Chitradurga districts in Karnataka and reaching into Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh, this line is strategically important for freight movement between Mangaluru Port and Secunderabad.

The 185-km project includes 19 stations, 29 major bridges, 230 minor bridges, 21 ROBs, and 85 RUBs. It will support the transport of essential goods like iron ore, coal, steel, fertilisers, and petroleum. Around 470 villages and 1.3 million people will benefit from improved connectivity. Expected freight capacity increase: 18.9 million tonnes per year. Environmental benefits include a reduction of 1.01 billion kg of CO₂ emissions and a saving of 200 million litres of diesel, equivalent to planting 40 million trees.

Laxman Singh, Brother of Digvijaya Singh, Expelled from Congress for Anti-Party Activities

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Indore, Madhya Pradesh – The Indian National Congress on Wednesday expelled former MLA Laxman Singh, brother of veteran party leader Digvijaya Singh, citing anti-party activities. The decision was announced by Congress Disciplinary Action Committee member Tariq Anwar, who confirmed Singh’s removal from the party’s primary membership for six years with immediate effect.



party leadership.

The final straw reportedly came after Singh made inflammatory comments during a recent terror attack in Pahalgam. He publicly criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and businessman Robert Vadra, labeling them as “immature” and blaming their “lack of leadership” for nation-

al setbacks. In a statement that sparked outrage within party ranks, Singh called Rahul Gandhi a “naive leader” who had damaged the party’s credibility.

The Congress leadership viewed these remarks as a serious breach of party discipline, particularly at a time when unity is essential ahead of upcoming

state and national elections.

Additionally, Singh has previously stirred controversy by accusing former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of having alleged links with terrorists during the India-Pakistan conflict — another move that embarrassed the Congress party, which has historically supported democratic leadership in the region.

This is not Laxman Singh’s first departure from the Congress. Over the years, he has switched political allegiances, including a brief stint with the BJP, before returning to Congress. His expulsion highlights the Congress party’s tightening stance on internal dissent and its focus on reinforcing party discipline ahead of key electoral battles.

Telangana : Rice Bowl Of India

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Telangana has achieved a major success in agriculture by becoming the top rice-producing state in India. In the year 2024-25, the state produced 183.57 lakh tonnes of paddy, breaking its own previous record of 168.75 lakh tonnes in 2023-24. This remarkable growth has been made possible due to good weather, timely support from the Congress government, and uninterrupted free electricity to farmers.

State had aimed to produce 269.37 lakh tonnes of crops during the rainy and summer seasons, but it went beyond the target by producing 297.79 lakh tonnes. This means Telangana produced 28.42 lakh tonnes more than expected. Among the major crops, paddy production stood at 274.99 lakh tonnes, maize at 35.05 lakh tonnes, and sorghum at 3.32 lakh tonnes, all of which exceeded their targets.

Earlier, leaders from the BRS party claimed that farmers were struggling under the Congress government due to lack of electricity and water. They also said that agriculture had flourished only under BRS rule and that farmers had stopped farming after the Congress came to power. However, the record harvest this year clearly proves these claims wrong.



Currently, farmers in Telangana are cultivating around 29 lakh acres using borewells. The government has been supplying free and continuous electricity to these borewells, which has played a big role in increasing crop production. On March 20, 2025, Telangana recorded its highest-ever electricity demand of 17,162 megawatts, which the government managed without any power cuts. This shows that farmers had the support they needed for farming.

Back in 2014, the number of agricultural borewells in the state was only 18 lakh, but that number has now grown to 29 lakh. Along with this, good rainfall helped fill the irrigation projects. While the BRS party earlier credited the Kaleshwaram project for farming success, the recent results show that even without its full use, the state has achieved record yields. This proves that the project was not the only reason behind agri-

cultural growth.

With such a large rice production, Telangana has started exporting rice to other countries. In the first phase, 12,500 metric tonnes of rice were exported to the Philippines. The Philippines has now agreed to import 8 lakh metric tonnes of rice from Telangana every year.

The Congress government has also encouraged farmers by offering a bonus of ₹500 per quintal for fine paddy. Because of this, many farmers have chosen to grow more rice. In the last rainy season, the government paid ₹1206.44 crore as bonus to farmers. This gave them extra income of more than ₹20,000 per acre for two crop seasons. Along with this, the government provided fertilizers and seeds on time. By delivering seeds directly to farmers’ homes at low prices, it helped them sow crops without delay.

The state also saw a big jump in



Sagar Vanaparthi, Sr Journalist.

paddy procurement. While the BRS government bought only 36.63 lakh tonnes of paddy during the 2022-23 rabi season, the Congress government purchased 60.61 lakh tonnes in the same season this year. That is nearly 20 lakh tonnes more. Despite this, BRS leaders are still spreading false claims that the government is not buying paddy.

For many years, Punjab held the top spot in rice production in India. But now Telangana has overtaken Punjab and has become the new leader in paddy output. Following Telangana are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Punjab. The Telangana government has also given the highest share of its budget to agriculture. This is helping not just the farming sector, but also the development of villages and rural communities.

"Went Too Far": Elon Musk Says He "Regrets" His Posts About Donald Trump

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Billionaire Elon Musk has expressed regret over some of his recent social media posts targeting former US President Donald Trump, just days after a public fallout between the two. Musk acknowledged on Twitter, “I regret some of my posts about President @realDonaldTrump last week. They went too far.”

The dispute began when Musk harshly criticized a key spending bill championed by the Trump administration, describing it as a “disgusting abomination.” He also urged political action against Republican lawmakers who supported the legislation, a move that drew sharp attention from the White House.

Trump responded sternly during an interview with NBC News, warning Musk of “very serious consequences” if he tried to back primary challengers against incumbent Republicans. The former president made it clear he had no interest in reconciling, stating, “I have no intention of speaking to him.”

Just a week prior, Trump had praised Musk’s work as head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), an advisory body created to streamline federal spend-



ing. Musk resigned from the role shortly after, citing fundamental disagreements over government budget priorities.

Tensions escalated when Musk made incendiary claims linking Trump to the late financier Jeffrey Epstein, whose death in custody in 2019 raised many questions. Musk asserted that unreleased “Epstein files” implicated Trump, suggesting the documents were being suppressed. However, Musk provided no evidence, and the posts were later deleted without explana-

tion. Trump dismissed the allegations as “old news” and reiterated his denial of any involvement in Epstein’s illegal activities. Publicly available documents have not accused Trump of wrongdoing, though he has admitted to a social acquaintance with Epstein.

The feud underscores the volatile relationship between Musk and Trump, highlighting deep political divides and personal animosities.



Food Aid Remains Vital Lifeline for Millions in Crisis-Hit Afghanistan: WFP

The World Food Programme (WFP) has highlighted that food assistance continues to be the only lifeline for millions of Afghans struggling with severe hunger amid ongoing crises, according to a report by Khaama Press. In a statement posted on June 10 on social media platform X, WFP emphasized the urgent need for sustained support to vulnerable communities across Afghanistan. Despite challenging conditions, including difficult terrain and remote mountainous regions, WFP teams persist in delivering life-saving food supplies to those most in need. “For many Afghans facing hunger, this food is their only hope of survival,” the agency stressed.

However, a significant drop in funding has drastically impacted WFP’s operations in the country. The organization, which has played a crucial role in preventing famine over recent years, has been forced to scale back its services substantially, raising fears over the worsening humanitarian situation. Currently, more than 23 million people in Afghanistan face acute food insecurity due to prolonged conflict, economic collapse, and climate-related disasters. The country continues to grapple with economic hardships under the Taliban regime, including high unemployment, soaring food prices, and reduced international aid.

Millions of families, especially in rural and hard-to-reach areas, remain heavily reliant on humanitarian assistance to survive. WFP and other aid organizations have consistently called on the international community to increase financial contributions to sustain relief efforts. WFP has issued a stark warning that without immediate and increased funding, the lives of many more Afghans could be at risk in the coming months. Humanitarian groups urge global donors not to abandon Afghanistan’s most vulnerable populations, stressing that even a single truckload of food can be a matter of life and death for many families.

Xi Jinping Urges Respect and Stability in First Call with South Korea’s New President Lee Jae-myung

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In their first official conversation since Lee Jae-myung’s inauguration as South Korea’s president, Chinese President Xi Jinping emphasized the need for mutual respect and stronger cooperation between the two nations. According to Chinese state media, the leaders spoke on Tuesday to discuss the future of bilateral ties amid growing regional and global uncertainty.

Xi called for the two countries to respect each other’s core interests and major concerns, ensuring that the relationship remains on what he described as the “right track.” He emphasized that a healthy, stable, and deepening China-South Korea relationship is vital for promoting peace and stability in both the region and the world.

During the phone call, Xi highlighted the importance of strengthening exchanges and maintaining the spirit of “friendly neighbours.” He also urged collaboration in protecting regional and global industrial and supply chains, amid ongoing geopolitical tensions and economic disruptions.

China remains South Korea’s largest trading partner, and diplomatic relations between the two have shown signs of improvement following tensions that arose in 2017 over Seoul’s deployment of a U.S. missile defence system, which Beijing strongly opposed.

Xi expressed that deepening the strategic cooperative partnership would not only benefit both countries but also “inject more certainty into the chaotic regional and international situation.”

President Lee’s recent election victory has ushered in a new political era for Asia’s fourth-largest economy, but he faces significant challenges. Among them are rebuilding national unity following political turmoil under his predecessor, and navigating the complex dynamics between two major powers—the U.S. and China—both critical to South Korea’s economy and security. The call marks an important step in reaffirming diplomatic ties as both nations seek greater regional stability and economic resilience.



"Tarred And Feathered": US Speaker Calls For California Governor's Torture

TPN Correspondent | Brussels

In a fiery political exchange, US House Speaker Mike Johnson shocked the nation by calling for California Governor Gavin Newsom to be publicly tortured—specifically, “tarred and feathered.” Speaking at a House Republican leadership press conference on June 10, 2025, Johnson stopped short of saying whether Newsom should be arrested, stating that question was “not in my lane.”

Johnson sharply criticized Newsom for obstructing federal immigration law enforcement, accusing him of “applauding the bad guys” and labeling him “a participant, an accomplice.” The controversial remarks come amid ongoing protests sparked by federal immigration raids in Los Angeles.

The tension escalated after President Donald Trump deployed thousands of additional troops to Los Angeles to support im-



migration enforcement efforts. Governor Newsom condemned this move as fulfilling “the deranged fantasy of a dictatorial president” and called it “an unmistakable step toward authoritarianism,” accusing Trump of “stroking a dangerous president’s ego.” California has even filed a lawsuit against the federal government for deploying troops without the governor’s permission.

Trump’s Border Czar, Tom Homan, further raised the stakes by warning that elected officials interfering with immigration agents could face arrest, calling such actions felony offenses. Newsom responded defiantly, daring authorities to arrest him, saying, “Come after me, arrest me, let’s just get it over with, tough guy. I don’t give a damn.”

To quell mounting unrest, around 700 Marines and 4,000 National Guard troops have been deployed in Los Angeles. It’s notable that while the U.S. military traditionally has no domestic law enforcement role, Marines were last deployed domestically during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the 26/11 attacks.

This escalating confrontation highlights the deep divisions over immigration enforcement and federal-state relations in the United States today.

Los Angeles Mayor Imposes Curfew on Downtown Amid Rising Nighttime Violence

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Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass imposed a curfew on downtown Los Angeles on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in response to a surge in nighttime violence, vandalism, and looting. The curfew, aimed at protecting lives and property, runs nightly from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and covers a one-square-mile area where protests and unrest have occurred since Friday.

Mayor Bass declared a local emergency, citing that the city had “reached a tipping point” after 23 businesses were looted in recent days. The curfew exempts residents living in the affected zone, homeless individuals, accredited media, and emergency personnel, according to Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell.

Chief McDonnell emphasized that the escalating “unlawful and dangerous behavior” since Saturday necessitated the curfew to safeguard the community amid growing unrest throughout the city. The situation intensified as National Guard troops expanded their role beyond protecting federal property to supporting immigration enforcement operations in Los Angeles.

Photos released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) showed National Guard members providing security during arrests, signaling a closer involve-



ment in law enforcement activities such as deportations. Although the Guard has limited arrest authority, it assists with transportation and can temporarily detain individuals attacking officers.

California Governor Gavin Newsom has strongly opposed the deployment of nearly 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 Marines ordered by President Donald Trump, arguing it would escalate tensions and fuel civil unrest. Newsom filed an emergency court request seeking to block their involvement in immigration raids.

Meanwhile, Marine Corps officials clarified that Marines are currently tasked only with protecting federal officials and property, without direct involvement in protests or arrests. Despite the heavy military presence, the Marines have yet to be deployed on the streets, and the National Guard’s engagement with protesters remains limited.

The curfew and increased military presence highlight ongoing tensions in Los Angeles amid clashes over immigration enforcement and public order.

Markets Close with Moderate Gains Amid Volatility; IT, Pharma Lead Rally, Nifty Holds Above 25,100

Domestic stock markets witnessed sharp fluctuations on Wednesday. Benchmark indices ended with moderate gains today. The indices, which started with huge gains due to mixed signals from global markets, suddenly collapsed after noon. This is due to investors selling shares of the respective sectors due to high valuations and taking profits. IT and pharma shares rose due to the fall in the dollar and the possibility of a conclusion of the trade tariffs between the US and China. Auto shares rose due to good monthly sales. It is noteworthy that Nifty gained 37 points and Sensex gained 123 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,391 in the previous session, opened at 82,473 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low at 82,308. It reached an intraday high at 82,783. It finally closed at 82,515 with a gain of 123 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,134, reached a low of 25,081 and a high of 25,222. It rose 37 points to close at 25,141. The Nifty Bank fell 169 points to settle at 56,459.

In the Nifty50, 28 companies gained and 22 lost. HCL, Tech, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Auto, ONGC were the top gainers. Shriram Finance, Power Grid, Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports, BEL lost the most. Oil, IT, Pharma, Commodities, Energy, Infra, Healthcare, Auto, PSE, Realty indices rose. PSU Bank, FMCG, MNC, Bank, Finance, CPSE, Private Bank, Metal, Media indices rose.

Market breadth turned in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of 2995 stocks traded, 1608 gained and 1304



lost. 76 shares reached 52-week highs and 21 shares reached 52-week lows. 131 touched the upper circuit and 37 touched the lower circuit.

The cabinet gave the green signal to two multi-tracking railway projects covering seven districts. The rupee settled at 85.51 against the dollar. Centrum Broking downgraded Max Financial from Buy with a target price of Rs. 1565. It is noteworthy that Kotak Institutional has given a buy rating to Inter Globe Aviation with a target price of Rs 6700. 10 lakh shares changed hands in ITC. Defense stocks like Garden Reach and Mazdak fell today on the back of profit book. Sebi has given permission certificate to Jio BlackRock to act as an investment advisor. IIFL Finance will raise Rs 600 crore through the issue of non-convertible debentures. 18.05 crore shares worth Rs 4675 crore



changed hands in Wipro at Rs 259 each. Information is that the NSDL IPO worth Rs 3400 crore may come in July. The World Bank has warned that the global economy will be damaged due to Trump tariffs and US growth will fall. Shares of other wine companies, including GM Breweries and Sula Wines, rose up to 19% in the wake of price hikes in Maharashtra.

Biocon Ltd.

A leading biopharmaceutical company focusing on biosimilars, novel biologics, and research services. Strengths include an efficient cash conversion cycle, healthy liquidity, and high promoter holding (60.64%). However, it has shown poor profit and revenue growth over the past three years. Management is looking towards mid-teens revenue growth driven by biosimilars and generics. There's also a



potential evaluation of a merger with its subsidiary Biologics. Analyst ratings are mixed, with a majority recommending "buy" or "strong buy."

JK Cement Ltd.



A major player in the Indian cement industry, known for both grey and white cement production. The stock is currently considered "Expensive." Key strengths include good revenue growth over the past three years (19.94%), an efficient cash conversion cycle, and good cash flow management. The company is strategically expanding its capacity with projects like Panna Expansion and Bihar Grinding Unit expected to be operational by late 2025/early 2026, aiming for 50 MTPA production by 2030. Strong cement demand and better realizations are expected to support continued growth.

PNC Infratech Ltd.

An infrastructure development company primarily focused on roads and highways. Despite the soft performance, PNC's order book remains robust at around ₹17,800 crore (including L1 positions), translating to a healthy book-to-bill ratio of 3.5 times. The company has also made progress on asset monetization, selling ten HAM road projects for approximately ₹1,830 crore. Analysts maintain a mixed view, with some citing attrac-



tive valuations and a bright growth outlook driven by increased infrastructure spending, while others remain cautious due to soft operating trends.

Ajanta Pharma Ltd.

A pharmaceutical company specializing in branded generics across various therapeutic segments. The India business grew by 13% in Q4 FY25 and 11% for the full year, outperforming the Indian pharmaceutical market. The US business saw 25% growth in Q4 and 9% for FY25. However, the institutional business, particularly antimalarial, saw a sharp decline (53% in Q4, 41% for FY25) due to its unpredictable nature. Management expects sustained growth in branded generics, with a cautious outlook for the Africa branded business due to a high base effect and the unpredictable institutional business. They aim for mid to high teens growth in the US business for FY26E.



KPIT Technologies Ltd.

A global technology company focusing on embedded software and AI solutions for the automotive and mobility industry. The board recommended a final dividend of ₹6 per share for FY25. The company also approved the merger of its wholly-owned subsidiary, PathPartner Technology, to simplify its corporate structure.



Gold Futures Rise on Firm Spot Demand, Prices Hit ₹97,056 per 10 Grams



Gold prices witnessed an upward movement on Wednesday, with futures contracts gaining momentum amid strong spot demand. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for August delivery increased by Rs 154, or 0.16%, to close at Rs 97,056 per 10 grams. The trading activity was brisk, with a total turnover of 13,323 lots recorded during the session.

Analysts attribute the rise in gold futures primarily to fresh positions being created by market participants, reflecting growing confidence and demand in the physical gold market. This surge in spot demand often prompts traders and investors to take new positions in futures contracts, pushing prices higher.

Globally, gold futures also showed positive trends. In New York, the precious metal's futures prices rose by 0.49%, reaching \$3,359.90 per ounce. This increase in international prices contributed to the bullish sentiment in the domestic market.

The current upward movement comes against a backdrop of sustained interest in gold as a safe-haven asset, particularly amid ongoing economic uncer-

tainties and inflationary pressures. Investors tend to turn to gold to protect their portfolios during times of volatility, and this trend has supported both spot and futures prices in India.

The rise in gold prices also reflects broader market dynamics, including fluctuations in the U.S. dollar, global geopolitical tensions, and inflation concerns—all factors that influence investor behavior in precious metals markets.

Traders and analysts continue to monitor global cues, including Federal Reserve policies, currency movements, and geopolitical developments, which are likely to impact gold prices in the near term. For now, the firm demand in the physical market and a cautious outlook among investors appear to be driving gold futures higher.

In summary, the combination of robust spot demand and positive global trends has led to a steady rise in gold futures on the MCX, with prices touching ₹97,056 per 10 grams for August delivery. This trend highlights gold's enduring appeal as a reliable investment amid uncertain economic conditions.

India's Coal Imports Decline 4.4% to 24.95 Million Tonnes in April Amid Rising Domestic Output

India's coal imports fell by 4.4 percent in April 2025, totaling 24.95 million tonnes (MT), compared to 26.10 MT in the same month last year. This decline is attributed mainly to a drop in non-coking coal imports, while coking coal imports saw a modest rise. According to data from mjunction services ltd, coal imports in April were actually up 9.48 percent compared to 22.79 MT in March 2025, indicating some month-on-month recovery.

Non-coking coal imports stood at 15.90 MT in April 2025, down from 17.40 MT in April 2024. On the other hand, coking coal imports increased to 5.42 MT from 4.97 MT in the same period last year. The subdued demand for imported coal has been driven by



surplus stock availability in the system, despite relatively soft seaborne prices. "Availability of surplus stock in the system has reduced buyers' appetite for imported materials, even as the seaborne prices have remained soft," said Vinaya Varma, MD & CEO of mjunction services. He added

that this trend may continue until demand picks up ahead of the festive season. Meanwhile, India's domestic coal production showed encouraging growth, rising by 3.6 percent to 81.57 MT in April 2025 compared to 78.71 MT in the corresponding period last year. Coal India Limited (CIL),

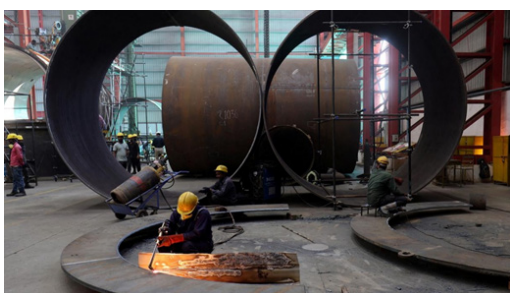
the country's largest coal producer accounting for over 80% of domestic output, produced 62.1 MT in April, slightly higher than the 61.8 MT produced in April 2024.

Despite this growth, CIL fell short of its production target for the 2024-25 financial year, producing 781.1 MT against a target of 838 MT, missing the mark by nearly 7 percent. The company is targeting increased production in the current fiscal year to meet India's growing energy demands.

Overall, the dip in coal imports combined with rising domestic output reflects a balancing act in India's coal supply chain, driven by stock availability, price dynamics, and production capabilities.

World Bank Lowers India's FY26 Growth Forecast to 6.3% Amid Export and Investment Slowdown

The World Bank has reduced its growth forecast for India's financial year 2025-26 to 6.3%, down from the 6.7% projected earlier in January. This revision reflects weaker export performance and slower investment growth, aligning with a similar downward adjustment in the global growth forecast to 2.3%. India continues to lead among the world's largest economies in terms of growth rate, despite the downward revision. The updated forecast was part of the World Bank's June 2025 Global Economic Prospects report released on June 10 in Washington. The revised 6.3% forecast is slightly below the 6.5% growth predicted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its latest monetary policy announcement on June 6. The report highlights that exports have been subdued due to reduced demand from key trading partners and rising



global trade barriers. Additionally, investment growth is expected to slow, primarily driven by heightened global policy uncertainty affecting business confidence. Despite the slowdown, the World Bank projects India's growth to rebound in the following two years, with an average annual growth rate of 6.6% during FY27 and FY28. This recovery is expected to be supported by strong performance in the services sector and a potential revival in

export growth. The report also notes that economic activity in India has moderated, with a slowdown in industrial production balancing steady services sector activity and a recovery in agricultural output. India, South Asia's largest economy, continues to show resilience but faces headwinds from both domestic and global factors. Globally, the World Bank warns that ongoing trade tensions and policy uncertainties are dragging down economic growth, resulting in the slowest global growth pace since 2008 outside of recessions. Chief Economist Indermit Gill pointed out that global GDP growth in 2025 is expected to fall to 2.3%, nearly half a percentage point below early-year expectations, and average just 2.5% annually through 2027—the slowest decade since the 1960s.

Snapchat Launches Apple Watch App With Scribble and Dictation Support

Snapchat has officially expanded its presence to the Apple Watch, introducing a dedicated app that lets users stay connected on the go. Announced on Thursday, the new Apple Watch app allows users to preview incoming messages and respond using Scribble, Dictation, or emojis. While users can't send Snaps or initiate new chats directly from the watch, the app offers a streamlined way to stay in touch through simple interactions. It requires watchOS 9.0 or later and is now available for free on the Apple Watch App Store.

This launch extends Snapchat's footprint beyond smartphones, tablets, and web browsers, aligning with the platform's goal of being available across all commonly used devices. Snapchat, which currently boasts over 900 million users worldwide, emphasized its commitment to keeping people connected across an increasingly diverse device ecosystem.

Interestingly, the Apple Watch functionality isn't entirely new—users have long been able to mirror Snapchat notifications from their iPhones. However, this standalone app brings

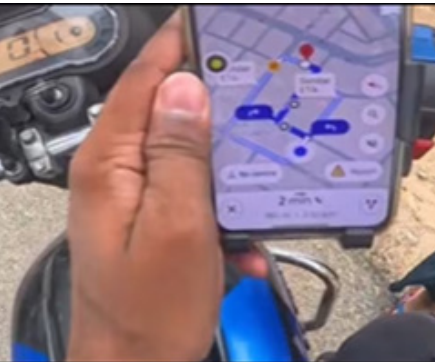


added convenience with direct support for Apple Watch input methods like Scribble and Dictation.

In parallel, Snapchat has also introduced its popular Lens Studio on iOS and the web, previously available only as a desktop application. The move aims to make augmented reality (AR) creation more accessible. Now, iPhone users can design and publish lenses using AI-powered tools directly from their devices. Creators can incorporate Bitmojis and use AR effects to develop personalized and expressive Lenses. While the desktop version of Lens Studio remains the go-to for professional developers, the mobile and web versions open the door for casual users and budding creators. Lens Studio is now available for free on the iOS App Store and online at lensstudio.snapchat.com.

Woman Books Ola Ride for Just 180 Metres to Escape Street Dogs, Internet Amused

In a quirky yet relatable moment that has gone viral on social media, a woman booked an Ola Bike ride to travel a mere 180 metres — and the reason has left netizens both amused and sympathetic. Captured in a short video shared by the rider, the clip begins with the Ola driver arriving at the pickup point and asking the woman for the one-time password (OTP). However, when he checked the destination, he was visibly surprised to find it was just 180 metres away. Perplexed, the rider asked if she had made a mistake in selecting the drop location. The woman calmly responded that the address was correct. She explained that she took the ride simply to avoid a group of aggressive street dogs in the area. The incident, which quickly gained traction online, struck a chord with many who understand the fear and anxiety that can come from encountering stray animals, especially in areas where dog attacks are



not uncommon. The video, shared on Instagram, has received thousands of views and comments, with users calling the woman's decision both practical and brave. "She did what she had to. Street dogs can be terrifying!" commented one user. Another joked, "This has to be the most justified short ride in Ola history." Some viewers praised her quick thinking, while others shared similar experiences of altering their walking routes or waiting for help to pass through areas with street dogs. While the ride may have been unusually short, it highlights a larger concern about stray dog safety in urban areas. In the end, the woman's decision sparked a broader conversation online — and gave the internet a moment of levity and relatability.

Experts Refute Claims of Hidden Underground City Beneath Egypt's Pyramids

A recent viral report suggesting the existence of a hidden underground city beneath Egypt's Giza Plateau has been firmly debunked by leading archaeologists. While initial findings by a group of scientists appeared to unveil groundbreaking evidence of a massive subterranean network beneath the iconic pyramids, experts now warn that the claims are scientifically flawed and lack credible verification.

The initial report, which quickly gained traction online, stated that researchers using Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) tomography had uncovered what seemed to be an expansive complex of underground chambers and passageways. This alleged network reportedly connected the Khafre, Khufu, and Menkaure pyramids, including the Great Sphinx. Some even claimed to have found vertical shafts extending up to 2,000 feet below the Khafre pyramid, with speculation that they dated back as far as 38,000 years, well



before the widely accepted timeline of ancient Egyptian civilization.

Filippo Biondi, a radar imaging expert at the University of Strathclyde, had earlier stated there was a "90 per cent likelihood" that these ancient structures were interconnected underground. He suggested the pyramids might only represent the visible part of a massive, hidden infrastructure. "We firmly

believe that the Giza structures are interconnected, reinforcing our view that the pyramids are merely the tip of the iceberg," Biondi was quoted as saying in international media.

However, Egyptologists and archaeological experts have since dismissed the findings as speculative and misleading. They criticized the study's methodology, pointing out that SAR tomography, while useful in surface im-

aging, is not precise enough at such depths to make definitive claims about buried architecture. Additionally, no peer-reviewed publication has supported the claim, and there is no archaeological evidence corroborating the supposed 38,000-year-old shafts or structures.

Experts argue that the current understanding of the Giza Plateau, based on decades of scientific excavation and analysis, does not support the notion of a second underground city. The narrative, while intriguing, seems to feed into the growing trend of pseudoarchaeological theories that rely more on speculation than substantiated science.

For now, the mystery of the pyramids remains intact, with researchers continuing to explore their origins through more grounded and evidence-based approaches.

Palau: A Hidden Island Paradise Now Visa-Free for Indian Travelers

Looking for a fresh destination beyond the well-trodden paths of Thailand and the Maldives? Say hello to Palau, a stunning island nation in the western Pacific Ocean, now offering visa-free entry to Indian passport holders for up to 30 days. With its untouched natural beauty, crystal-clear waters, and tranquil ambiance, Palau is fast emerging as a top choice for travelers seeking a serene tropical getaway.

Nestled near the Philippines, Palau is an archipelago of more than 300 islands, known for its vibrant marine life, lush forests, and rich biodiversity. Often overlooked by mainstream tourism, this lesser-known paradise is a haven for scuba divers, nature lovers, and peace seekers.

Why Palau Should Be on Your Travel List

Palau's Rock Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are a visual treat with their mushroom-shaped limestone islets scattered across turquoise lagoons. Jellyfish Lake, where you can swim among harmless jellyfish, offers a surreal experience that you won't find elsewhere. For beach lovers, Ngardmau Waterfall and the pristine sands of Long Beach deliver the perfect setting for relaxation.

Travel and Cost Tips

Though Palau doesn't have direct flights from India, travelers can reach it via transit hubs like Manila (Philippines) or Taipei



(Taiwan). Flight costs can range between ₹60,000 and ₹1,00,000 depending on the season and layovers.

Accommodation in Palau ranges from budget guesthouses to luxurious beach resorts. Expect to spend between ₹4,000 to ₹20,000 per night, depending on your choice of stay. Dining and local transportation are reasonably priced, especially if you stick to local markets and public transport.

When to Visit

The best time to explore Palau is from No-

vember to April, when the weather is dry and ideal for water activities. This is also when you'll find the clearest waters for diving and snorkeling.

Final Word

With visa-free access and unique natural wonders, Palau presents a refreshing alternative to traditional island vacations. Whether you're seeking adventure or a peaceful retreat, Palau offers the best of both worlds—without the visa hassle. So pack your bags and discover the Pacific's best-kept secret.

Winged Terror: Lone Buzzard Sparks Panic in Essex Village

In a bizarre turn of events, residents of Havering-at-Bower, a quiet village in Essex, are under siege — not by burglars or vandals, but by a rogue buzzard. Dubbed the "Dive-Bombing Buzzard", the bird has become a daily threat to locals, reportedly attacking both people and property with increasing aggression.

Since late March, the buzzard's erratic and violent behaviour has left villagers anxious and afraid to step outdoors. Unlike the usual flock-based avian aggression seen in nature, this case involves a lone bird of prey, likely a buzzard-eagle hybrid, launching unprovoked attacks from the sky. It swoops down with startling speed and force, diving at unsuspecting passersby, including children.

The situation has grown so serious that local primary school students are being kept indoors for extended periods to avoid injury. Teachers and parents remain on high alert,



as the bird has shown no signs of backing down. In one alarming incident, captured on May 20 by local resident Nick Woodgate, the buzzard is seen repeatedly smashing into a closed window, apparently trying to break through. The footage, now viral, underscores the bird's relentless nature and has left viewers stunned.

Reports suggest that the buzzard has even at-

tempted to claw at residents, targeting their heads or shoulders during low-flying ambushes. Some villagers have resorted to using umbrellas or hats as makeshift protection when venturing outside.

Local wildlife experts speculate that the bird may be defending a nest nearby, mistaking human activity as a threat. Buzzards are known for their territorial nature, especially during the breeding season, but such persistent and widespread attacks from a single bird remain highly unusual.

Despite calls for action, wildlife authorities are treading carefully, as buzzards are protected under UK law. A humane solution is being sought, but until then, villagers are left to navigate daily life under the looming shadow of the buzzard's wings.

For now, Havering-at-Bower remains on high alert — a village held hostage by one very angry bird.

Indian Junior Women’s Hockey Team Beats Belgium 2-1 During European Tour

The Indian junior women’s hockey team extended their winning run on their European tour with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Belgium on Tuesday. The match took place at the Hockey Centre of Excellence, Wilrijkse Plein in Antwerp, Belgium.

After a goalless first half, India broke the deadlock in the 35th minute when Lalthantluangi converted a penalty stroke. Belgium quickly responded in the 48th minute with a field goal by Van Hellemont, leveling the score. However, India regained the lead just two minutes later through a field



goal by Geeta Yadav. India then held strong in the final minutes to secure

the win. This victory marks India’s second consecutive win against Belgium in the ongoing three-match series. The teams will face off for the final time on June 12 as part of the junior women’s team’s five-match European tour running from June 8 to 17. After completing their matches against Belgium, India will take on Australia in Kontich before finishing the tour against the Netherlands in Utrecht.

The tour follows a promising performance by the Indian side in the Four Nations Tournament in Rosario,

Argentina, where they faced tough teams like Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. The matches helped the team gain valuable experience in managing high-pressure situations and adapting to different playing styles. These international fixtures are crucial preparation for the upcoming FIH Hockey Women’s Junior World Cup 2025, scheduled for December in Santiago, Chile. The exposure to strong opponents and diverse playing conditions will help the Indian junior women’s team sharpen their skills, build match temperament, and boost confidence ahead of the world event.

Shreyas Iyer-led Mumbai Falcons Enter T20 Mumbai League 2025 Final

Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], June 11 (ANI): Shreyas Iyer’s SOBO Mumbai Falcons booked their place in the final of the T20 Mumbai League 2025 with a convincing five-wicket win over Bandra Blasters. The Falcons will face Mumbai South Central Maratha Royals in the final scheduled for June 12 at Mumbai’s iconic Wankhede Stadium.

In the second semi-final, Bandra Blasters batted first and posted a modest total of 130 runs. Dhruvil Matkar (34) and Akash Anand (31) were the top scorers for the Blasters, but it was Akash Parkar who starred with the ball for the Falcons, claiming three crucial wickets.

Chasing the target, Mumbai Falcons cruised to victory with more than five overs to spare, thanks to an unbeaten half-century from opener Ishan Mulchandani (52*). Valuable contributions from Akash Parkar (32) and Ankrish Raghuvanshi (27) helped secure the win comfortably.

Earlier, in the first semi-final, Mumbai South Central Maratha Royals secured an emphatic eight-wicket win over Eagle Thane Strikers. The Royals were powered by skipper Siddesh Lad’s unbeaten 74 off 52 balls and an exceptional five-wicket haul from pacer Rohan Raje, who dismantled the Strikers’ batting lineup with figures of 5/40. Raje’s performance was the first five-wicket haul of the season and a rare feat in the tournament’s history.



The Strikers managed only 131/8 in their 20 overs, struggling against the disciplined bowling of Raje and left-arm spinner Aditya Dhumal. In response, the Royals chased the target with ease, finishing with 13 balls to spare, thanks to a solid partnership between Lad and Sachin Yadav (19*).

With both teams now set for the final, cricket fans can look forward to an exciting clash at Wankhede Stadium on June 12.

WTC Final 2025: Mitchell Starc Strikes Early as South Africa Begin Chase After Bundling Australia for 212

London, June 11, 2025 — The much-anticipated World Test Championship (WTC) Final 2025 at Lord’s kicked off with a bang as Australia’s Mitchell Starc delivered a magical opening over, striking early to reduce South Africa to 0/1. Ryan Rickelton and Wiaan Mulder are now at the crease as South Africa begin their chase in pursuit of their maiden WTC title.



Australia, led by captain Pat Cummins and a strong bowling unit, were bundled out for a modest total of 212 on Day 1. South Africa’s pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada was the standout performer, wreaking havoc with a sensational five-wicket haul. Rabada’s fiery spells dismantled the Australian batting lineup, supported ably by Marco Jansen, who chipped in with three crucial wickets.

The Australian innings saw some resistance from Steve Smith, who scored a solid 66, and Beau Webster, who made a valuable 72. However, the rest of the lineup struggled to build partnerships against the disciplined South African attack.

South Africa’s batting lineup, led by captain Temba Bavuma, will now aim to chase down the target and secure their first-ever WTC championship. Alongside Rickelton and Mulder, the

South African side boasts experienced campaigners like Aiden Markram, Tristan Stubbs, David Bedingham, and wicketkeeper Kyle Verreynne.

On the Australian side, the bowling attack featuring Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Lyon, and Cummins will look to maintain their dominance and defend the total.

The match promises intense competition as both teams battle for glory on the hallowed grounds of Lord’s, with Australia seeking to defend their WTC crown and South Africa determined to make history. Stay tuned for live updates from this thrilling final.

Wimbledon Champion Barbora Krejcikova Suffers Shock Early Exit at Queen’s Club

Barbora Krejcikova’s preparation for defending her Wimbledon title has hit a major hurdle after a surprising first-round defeat at the Queen’s Club tournament in London. The Czech star, who claimed her second Grand Slam by beating Italy’s Jasmine Paolini in last year’s Wimbledon final, was stunned by Slovakia’s Rebecca Sramkova in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, on Tuesday.

This unexpected loss marks another disappointing chapter in Krejcikova’s recent form. Since her Wimbledon triumph, the 29-year-old has struggled with injuries and early exits, including a second-round loss at the French Open and missing the Australian Open earlier this year due to a back injury. She was also knocked out in the second round of the 2024 US Open, reflecting a tough period for the world number 17.

Sramkova, ranked 41st in the world, now advances to face former US Open champion Emma Raducanu in the second round. Raducanu, who rose to fame by winning the US Open as an 18-year-old qualifier in 2021, started her grass-court season strongly, defeating Spain’s Cristina Bucsa 6-1, 6-2. Despite ongoing struggles with back spasms throughout 2025, the British star impressed the home crowd at the Andy Murray Arena



with a confident performance.

“I was quite locked in today,” said Raducanu, ranked 37th globally. “The support is incredible, and I want to play as many matches as I can here.”

Raducanu was joined by fellow Brits Katie Boulter and Heather Watson in reaching the second round. Boulter defeated Australian Ajla Tomljanovic in three sets, while Watson beat world number 27 Yulia Putintseva and will face former Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina next. This year marks the first women’s action at Queen’s since 1973, ending a 52-year stretch as a men-only ATP event.

England Completes 3-0 T20I Sweep Over West Indies with Duckett’s Stellar 84

England sealed a commanding 3-0 victory in the T20I series against the West Indies after a dominant 37-run win in the third and final match at Southampton’s Utilita Bowl on June 10, 2025. The clean sweep follows England’s earlier 3-0 triumph in the ODI series, marking a perfect start to Harry Brook’s white-ball captaincy.



Winning the toss and electing to bat, England posted a formidable total of 248-3 — their second-highest T20 international score. Opening batsman Ben Duckett led the charge with an explosive 84 off just 46 balls. Duckett’s patient yet powerful innings, combined with an aggressive 60 from Jamie Smith (26 balls, including five sixes), laid a strong foundation with a 120-run opening partnership.

England’s innings was further bolstered by captain Harry Brook and Jacob Bethell, who shared an unbeaten 70-run stand off just 31 balls to push the total to a daunting 249. England’s record-breaking 135-1 after 10 overs set the tone for the innings, ensuring the West Indies faced a steep chase.

In reply, the Windies struggled to keep up with the required run rate on a flat batting track but still managed a respectable 211-8. They slipped to 70-4 early in the innings, hampering their chase. Rowman Powell top-scored for the visitors with a resilient 79 not out from 45 balls, while captain Shai Hope contributed a brisk 45 off 27 deliveries.

England’s comprehensive white-ball dominance reflects their well-rounded performance under Brook’s captaincy, who now shifts focus to an upcoming five-match Test series against India starting June 20. With both the ODI and T20I series wins, England has sent a strong message ahead of the Test battles, showcasing depth in batting and bowling across formats.



Suriya46: Filming Begins for Suriya’s Emotional Family Drama with Venky Atluri

After the underwhelming performance of Retro, actor Suriya has wasted no time in steering his career forward with a fresh and promising project. Titled Suriya46 for now, the film brings together the Tamil superstar and acclaimed Telugu director Venky Atluri, who recently tasted success with Lucky Baskhar. This collaboration has already created significant buzz across South Indian cinema industries.

The film was officially launched with a traditional pooja ceremony held in Hyderabad, marking an auspicious start to the venture. The latest update from the production team confirms that principal photography is now underway. Shooting has commenced in Hyderabad, with Suriya and several key cast members participating in the first schedule, which is expected to run for the next several days.

Described as an emotional family drama, Suriya46 promises to be a departure from the stylized action and experimental narratives the actor explored in his recent outings. The film is being mounted on a grand scale, reflecting the strong backing it enjoys from its production houses — Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, both known for delivering content-rich and commercially viable films.

Adding to the film’s appeal is the casting of Mamitha Baiju, who rose to fame with the Malayalam hit Premalu. Her role in Suriya46 is said to be pivotal, further fueling anticipation for how the ensemble cast will elevate the film’s emotional quotient.

The musical score is being composed by GV



Prakash Kumar, reuniting with Suriya after previously successful collaborations. His involvement is expected to bring both emotional depth and commercial energy to the soundtrack.

With strong creative forces at the helm, Suriya46 is shaping up to be a compelling blend of heartwarming drama and mainstream appeal. As fans eagerly await more details — including the film’s official title and release date — this project stands as a significant step in Suriya’s evolving cinematic journey.

Panchayat Season 4 Trailer Out: A Double Dose of Comedy and Politics Returns to Phulera

The much-loved web series Panchayat is back with its fourth season, promising fans a blend of heartfelt humor and village politics with an extra punch of comedy. Streaming on Amazon Prime Video, Panchayat has consistently won over audiences with its simple yet engaging storytelling, endearing characters, and slice-of-rural-life charm. Now, as Season 4 is set to release on June 24, 2025, the makers have officially dropped the trailer — and it’s already creating quite the buzz.



From the trailer, it’s evident that this season will dive deep into the political rivalry brewing in the fictional village of Phulera. The upcoming elections form the central plot, with a fierce contest between the seasoned Pradhan Ji (played by Raghubir Yadav) and the ever-ambitious Bhushan (played by Durgesh Kumar). The trailer teases intense campaign scenes, cheeky political strategies, and a series of hilarious yet thought-provoking moments that the series is known for.

Fans of the series will be glad to know that the core cast remains intact. Jitendra Kumar returns as the earnest and often bewildered

Abhishek Tripathi, the village secretary trying to navigate the quirky world of Phulera. Neena Gupta reprises her role as Manju Devi, Faisal Malik returns as Prahlad, and Chandan Roy is back as the ever-loyal Vikas — each bringing their unique flavor to the story.

With witty dialogues, comedic timing, and a touch of satire, Panchayat Season 4 looks set to deliver a double dose of laughter and drama. The trailer hints at evolving character arcs, deepening village politics, and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments that stay true to the show’s roots.

As anticipation builds, fans are counting down the days until June 24 to return to the charming, chaotic world of Phulera. If the trailer is any indication, Panchayat 4 will once again strike the perfect balance between comedy, commentary, and heartfelt storytelling.

Jr NTR Begins Dubbing for ‘War 2’: Action Drama Set for Independence Day Release



Tollywood superstar Jr NTR has officially begun dubbing for his much-anticipated Bollywood debut in War 2, and excitement is building rapidly among fans. Yash Raj Films, the production house behind the project, recently shared a behind-the-scenes video confirming the start of Jr NTR’s dubbing process, giving a sneak peek into the high-octane thriller that promises to redefine action cinema in India.

Directed by Ayan Mukerji, War 2 is a sequel to the 2019 blockbuster War, and features Hrithik Roshan reprising his role as elite spy Kabir. Jr NTR steps into the antagonist’s shoes for this film, marking a powerful crossover from South

Indian cinema to the YRF Spy Universe. This unique casting has only added to the anticipation, as fans are eager to witness the face-off between two of Indian cinema’s biggest stars.

The film also stars Kiara Advani in the female lead, adding glamor and depth to the action-packed narrative. Produced by Aditya Chopra under the prestigious Yash Raj Films banner, War 2 is being positioned as a pan-India blockbuster and a significant expansion of the YRF Spy Universe, which already includes Ek Tha Tiger, Tiger Zinda Hai, War, and Pathaan.

Scheduled for release on August 14, 2025 — just ahead of

Independence Day — the film is expected to set new benchmarks in terms of scale, storytelling, and cinematic spectacle. The release date also positions it for a massive opening weekend, as audiences gear up to celebrate the holiday with a patriotic action thriller.

With Jr NTR’s powerful screen presence, Hrithik Roshan’s unmatched action flair, and Ayan Mukerji’s directorial vision, War 2 is shaping up to be one of the most awaited films of the year. As the dubbing process begins, it signals that the post-production phase is in full swing, and audiences won’t have to wait long before they witness this explosive cinematic showdown.

Aamir Khan’s ‘Sitaare Zameen Par’ Gets Telugu Trailer: Emotional Sports Drama Set for June 20 Release

Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan is back on the big screen with Sitaare Zameen Par, a heartwarming emotional sports drama that carries the powerful tagline, “Sab Ka Apna Apna Normal.” Directed by RS Prasanna, the film stars Aamir Khan in the lead role alongside Genelia D’Souza, and is produced under the banner of Aamir Khan Productions in collaboration with Aparna Purohit. With its theatrical release scheduled for June 20, 2025, the makers are leaving no stone unturned to reach wider audiences across India. In line with this effort, the Telugu version of the trailer was unveiled on June 11, garnering attention from audiences in the South. The film follows the story of a hot-headed basketball coach, played by Aamir Khan, who is suspended due to inappropriate conduct. As part of a court-mandated rehabilitation process, he is assigned a seemingly impossible task — to coach a group of mentally challenged individuals and train them into a functional basketball team. As the narrative unfolds, the film delves into the emotional and physical challenges faced by both the coach and the players. Initially reluctant and dismissive, the coach slowly begins to connect with the team, learning life-changing lessons about empathy, resilience, and acceptance along the way. The storyline emphasizes



that “normal” is a relative concept, and everyone has their own strengths and battles. The Telugu trailer captures the essence of this uplifting journey, with impactful dialogues, moving background music, and glimpses of intense emotional and humorous moments. Genelia plays a pivotal role in supporting the coach’s journey and connecting the dots between the team and the larger world. Sitaare Zameen Par is not just a sports film — it’s a reflection on inclusivity, human connection, and second chances. With Aamir Khan’s signature touch of storytelling and RS Prasanna’s sensitive direction, the film promises to strike a chord with viewers across linguistic boundaries. The Telugu release aims to build on the actor’s pan-India appeal and draw in regional audiences for this inspiring cinematic experience.

Thammudu Trailer: Nithiin’s Intense Family Drama Promises Action and Emotion

After a string of setbacks at the box office, actor Nithiin is all set to bounce back with his upcoming film Thammudu, and the newly released theatrical trailer suggests he might just have a winner on his hands. Directed by Sriram Venu and produced by the successful duo Dil Raju and Shirish, the film is gearing up for a theatrical release on July 4, 2025.

The trailer presents a gripping mix of family drama and high-octane action, with a strong emotional core driving the narrative. The story revolves around the complex relationship between a brother and sister. The sister, played by one of the female leads, harbors deep resentment toward her brother, refusing to acknowledge him as family. Her animosity is rooted in a personal vow that ultimately leads her into serious trouble — a central conflict that sets the tone for the film.

As the trailer progresses, the story transitions to a rustic village named Ambraragodugu, where the emotional undercurrent gives way to intense action. Nithiin’s character is seen engaging in powerful confrontations, with the visuals hinting at a man on a mission, likely to protect or redeem his family.

The visuals are rich and impactful, and the dialogues carry emotional weight, hinting



at themes of betrayal, redemption, and the strength of familial bonds. The emotional depth appears to be the heart of the film, and if it resonates with audiences, it could very well mark a strong comeback for Nithiin.

Thammudu boasts a strong supporting cast, including Sapthami Gowda, Swasika of Lubber Pandhu fame, Varsha Bollamma, and Saurabh Sachdeva. In a pleasant surprise for fans, actress Laya makes a notable return to the screen with this project.

With its intriguing premise, emotional resonance, and a blend of rural grit and action, Thammudu is shaping up to be a potential crowd-puller. All eyes are now on July 4th to see if Nithiin’s gamble pays off and brings him the much-needed box-office success.